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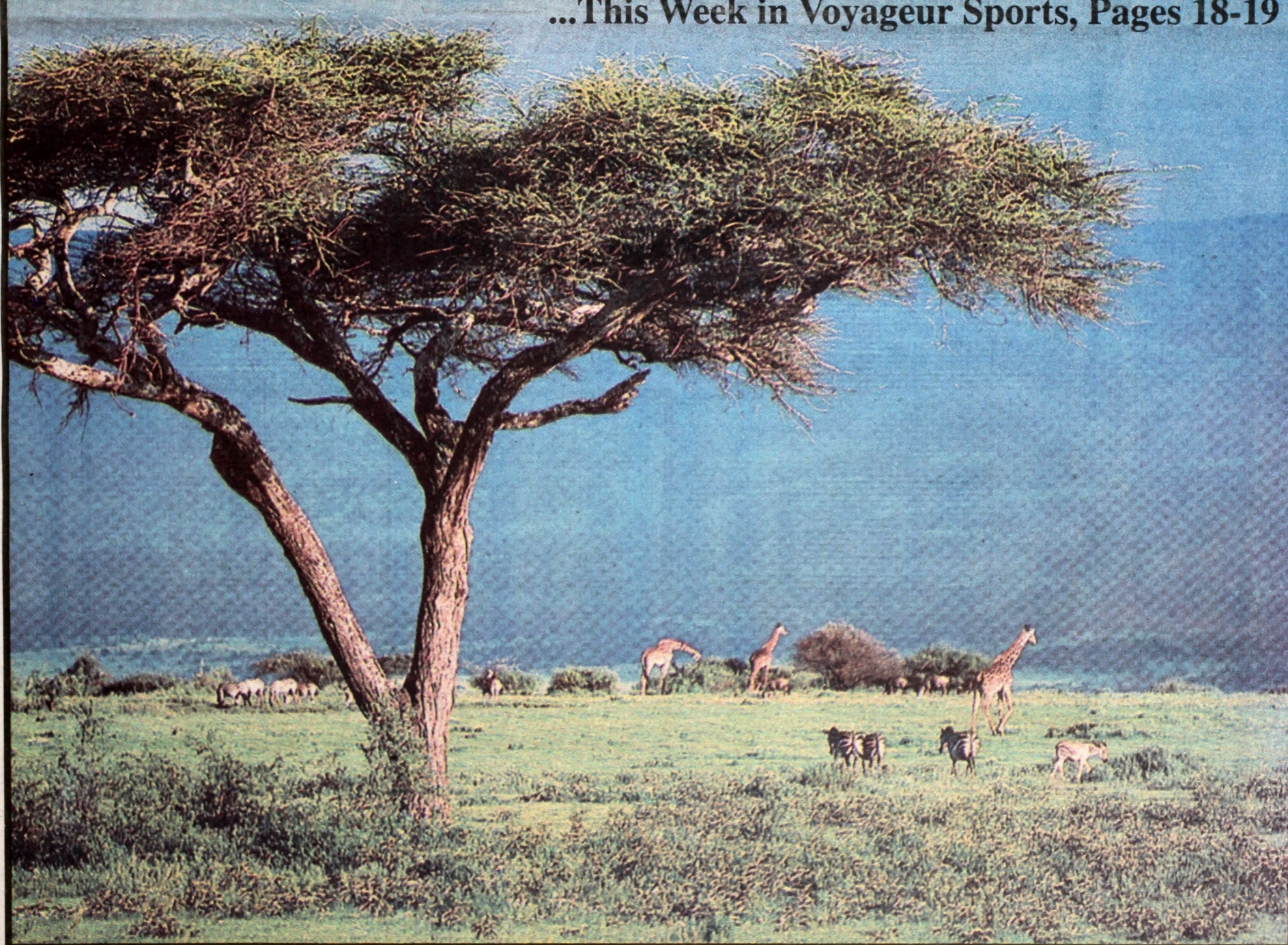
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WISHING WE WERE THERE SINCE 1961

Laurentian Preparing for Access 2000

by Ryan Gibbs
News Editor

On February 2, Laurentian University plans to participate in Access 2000, the national student protest against federal and provincial mishandling of education. Protesters will gather across from Bell Park and march through the streets, ending at The Grand Theatre. There, a rally and post-Access party will take place.

Similar protests are planned in major centres across the country. The Access 2000 Campaign is organized by The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which represents over 400,000 students provincially and nationally.

This representation on both levels is considered of great benefit to students as universities and colleges are funded primarily by the federal government and administered by the provincial government. Both levels determine tuition fees, financial aid, and budgets.

According to the CFS, "The Access 2000 Campaign for Higher Education is about moving forward. It is about making sure that we all have the opportunity to access college or university. Access 2000 is about all of us working together to build support for higher education - on our campuses and in our communities."

The present education situation is considered a crisis. Too many students are apparently denied access to higher education at a time when post-secondary education is growing in significance. Hence, there is great need for student aid.

The CFS claims that government policies are responsible for the limited access students have to post-secondary education. It argues, "Backward government policies, coupled with declining funding, are increasingly making our public education system one that seeks to reward wealth and privilege."

The major points of contention of the protest are federal government cuts in education and training

(estimated at nearly \$5 billion between 1993 and 1997), student debt (considered in excess of \$25,000), and tuition fees (which have doubled in some provinces). In larger universities, the growing teacher-student ratios are also alarming.

The Access 2000 Campaign has made a number of demands. Primarily, it calls for a restoration of federal funding in education - \$3.6 billion to \$7 billion. This demand

comes at a time when the federal government is expected to boast a surplus of \$12 billion.

The Campaign also calls for a reduction in tuition fees. Statistics Canada has reported that tuition fees have increased over 125% in the past few years. Reducing tuition and other user fees is expected to combat the rising cost of education.

In addition, a system of national grants is required in order to

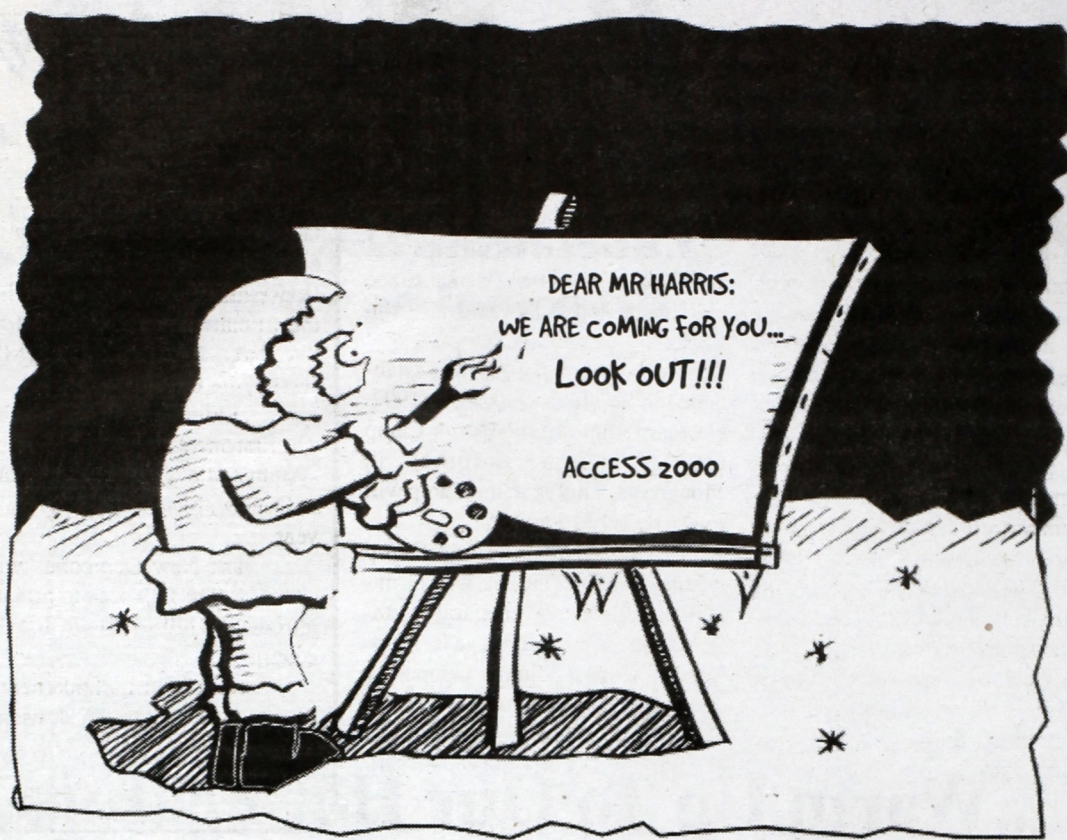
assist students to pay their debts. The present system is considered inefficient: "Each year hundreds of thousands of students sink deeper into debt, while the federal government pays more and more money to Canada's big banks."

Another issue raised in the Campaign is the possibility of establishing national standards for education regarding quality and accessibility. As well, the disbursement of The Millennium Scholarships in Ontario is a significant grievance for students.

The Scholarship was intended to provide relief to students through a federal initiative, but provincial classification of the scholarship has reduced aid and caused some students to pay more. Many recipients of the Scholarship have refused it for this reason.

During Access 2000, the CFS has continued its fight against Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA). Amendments were made to the legislation to allow student loans to be classified as "non-dischargeable for a period of ten years after the student has ceased full or part-time studies." The amendment is considered an infringement of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, discriminating on the basis of age.

Clearly, there is much to protest on February 2nd. Organizers of Access 2000 encourage students to get involved in the rally and march. Students can also lend their support by signing a petition against the misappropriation of government funds.



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The Camp Quality Experience

by Ryan Gibbs
News Editor

Camp Quality is looking for companions and campers in Northern Ontario. The Camp is a facility where children with cancer, or in remission (between the ages of 3 and 18) can enjoy an exciting camping experience.

Camp Quality is a non-profit, volunteer organization that offers camping experience and year-round support for families of children with cancer. The Camp needs to recruit children, because they have no access to hospital records.

The Camp is also in need of companions. Companions are dedicated volunteers who give individualized attention to a camper, with whom they are matched after strict training. Companions provide friendship for the child while his/her parents take a rest. Campers and companions keep in touch throughout the summer and often reunite in later years.

Camp Quality provides numerous activities for campers and companions to share. They include swimming, boating, fishing, archery, sculpting, woodworking, chocolate making, motorcycle rides, fabric painting, seaplane rides.

On the last day, everyone at



the Camp writes down a wish on a piece of paper, which is placed on the Wish Boat. The Boat is then set to sail and burned. The ceremony is symbolic of casting a dream into heaven.

Camp Quality also promotes a special puppet program to raise awareness of child cancer. Many children find it difficult to re-enter school after treatment and the program is designed to ease the transition. Puppets perform skits in front of school children to entertain and enlighten.

The activities offered at Camp Quality rely on donations from corporate sponsors, individuals, businesses, clubs, and organizations. Donations include food, equipment and clothing, as well as time. As a result, Camp Quality offers its services at no cost to campers.

Camp Quality was founded by Vera Entwistle in 1983, in Australia. It was created under the belief

that "the annual week-long experience allows children to be children again, to have fun, to participate in activities, to make new friends, to see old friends and to be removed from stress."

In 1988, a facility was established in Southern Ontario; in 1992, Northern Ontario opened its Camp Quality, Camp Noronto, in Monctonville. This year, the Camp will run from July 15 to 22.

Lorraine O'Brien, Camp Quality Public Relations, was a companion last year and encourages others to join the project this year. Those interested in sending a camper or becoming a companion can contact Camp Quality Northern Ontario at (705) 688-1555 or 1-800-899-3380.

You make a living by what you get,
You make a life by what you give!"
Camp Quality motto.

In Memory of Karen Blackford

by Ryan Gibbs
News Editor

On Thursday, January 13, Dr. Karen Blackford died in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Dr. Blackford was Associate Nursing Professor at Laurentian, on leave since August 1998. She attained her Masters at Laurentian in Child Development and her PhD at York, in Sociology. Her doctoral thesis was on the development effects on children of parents suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Much of Dr. Blackford's research was done on the subject of disabilities within the family. Her widely-read publications include *Talking it out in the Family*, *Elva Sullivan, A Teacher in Northern Ontario (1929-39)*, and *The Spiritual Development of Children whose Parents have MS*.

Dr. Blackford also edited journals *Canadian Women Studies* and



"sensitive to the social and cultural needs of the disadvantaged". She also called Dr. Blackford a person who applied academia to the world around her, remembering her struggle to use her research to influence public policy.

Dr. Blackwood suffered from physical disabilities herself and has been viewed as an important contributor to the disadvantaged, empowering many with her example. Dr. Bailey emphasizes that her friend was a "remarkable woman".

Dr. Karen Blackford left Laurentian in order to become the first Research Chair in Disability Studies at the University of Manitoba. In her honour, the Laurentian University Karen Blackwood Memorial Bursary will be established. The award will recognize her contribution to the disabled by offering assistance to the disadvantaged.

Success Stories in "Feminizing" Institutions. At the time of her death, Dr. Blackford was researching the factors of tobacco use on Northeastern Ontario teens, with Dr. Pat Bailey, also from the School of Nursing at Laurentian.

Dr. Bailey speaks very highly of her late colleague. She described Dr. Blackford as a person who was

Critics Respond to Millennium Scholarship

by Ryan Gibbs
News Editor

Last week, two students from Laurentian announced their intention to refuse their Millennium Scholarships because they felt that the mishandling of the funds by the provincial government meant that they received no benefit, or had to pay more. The stand was controversial.

Members of both the federal and provincial governments have been contacted for their views on the Millennium Scholarship disbursement. Liberal M. P. from Sudbury, Diane Marleau, placed much of the blame on Ontario Premier, Mike Harris.

"This is not the first time, we've had problems with Harris'

government...we've had the same problem with the child tax credit," stated Marleau. She also added, "I believe the other provinces use the funds in accordance with the original intent."

N. D. P. M. P. of Nickel Belt, Shelly Martel, was just as critical in her response. "Stealing is a nice way to put it," She cried, "The level the Tories sink to never ceases to amaze me."

Rick Bartolucci, Liberal M. P. P., asked, "How does [the provincial government's handling of the Scholarship] help the student who needs the money this year?" He stated, "This is not a boom to students, it's a

punishment as far as I'm concerned."

Bartolucci also claimed, "The government should realize if there are this many students refusing the scholarship, there must be something wrong with the way of implementing them." Bartolucci affirmed that "both levels of government must hear what the students are saying."

From these statements, it appears that many politicians share the concerns of the students regarding the Millennium Scholarship. However, the steps they are prepared to take to grant student grievances has yet to manifest.

News Briefs

University Students to Visit House of Commons

Laurentian University's Political Science Association's 8th Model Parliament will be held on Friday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the House of Commons in Ottawa. This is the second time that Laurentian students will be granted the honour of holding its Model Parliament in the actual House of Commons. Last year's Model Parliament was held at Queen's Park in Toronto.

About 80 Laurentian University students, mostly from Political Science classes, political party clubs, and from the University's Political Science Association, will take part in this exciting event. Party representation was determined according to participating students' party preferences. The Liberal Party will form a minority government under the leadership of James Sinclair, The NDP led by Tyler Langlois, will form the official opposition, while Howard Kennedy will guide the Conservative Party, David Knechtel will lead the Reform Party, and Ashleigh Jessup, the Bloc Québécois.

While in session, the Liberal government will introduce two bills. The first one will be to prevent provinces from privatizing the health care system and a second one to establish the rules for the next referendum in Québec. In addition, they will be tabling a budget for the next fiscal year.

The New Democrats will have a bill to redress the homeless situation. The PCs seek to privatize the CBC and the Reform Party will introduce a bill to establish a Triple E Senate (elected, efficient, and equal).

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Editor's Corner...

What to Do...

by Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

For four years now I have been able to detach myself from almost every story written by myself, or those that were featured in the pages of Lambda. That was until last week. All hell broke loose when I found out that a student was returning their millennium scholarship. Usually a story like this is written, I check it over and it runs, but this time there was a connection that I could not ignore... I got a millennium scholarship.

At first I called everyone I knew and told them that I received this scholarship from the Canadian Government. I was so happy. \$3000 of my student loan was being removed in February and I wouldn't have to worry about that

three grand. I didn't think about the scholarship until a few weeks ago when rumors that the whole thing was a scam came out. I panicked and almost sent mine back. The key word here being 'almost'.

The Lambda staff wanted to know what their boss was going to do, especially since I designed a cover in which a student was depicted telling the government exactly where to stick the scholarship through hand gestures. Does it make me a hypocrite to make this cover, support the stories that were printed, then keep the scholarship? At first I thought it did, but now I know different.

Every case is different when it comes to this scholarship. Some of us didn't get as much OSAP as others this year, meaning that when the

\$3000 comes off our debt, we will benefit from only owing about five or six thousand for the year. I understand that I will be forgiven down to \$7000 per year of OSAP, but my scholarship will bring me down below the \$6000 mark for this year. I would love to be able to send a letter to the government with last weeks cover attached, but that would mean screwing myself over in the process.

Everyone out there who got one of these millennium scholarships should really look at their own cases. Hopefully the news and opinion stories Lambda has run on the topic will help, but look beyond that make the decision that is right for you. Sure, the government is screwing with students and their money once again, but some of us will benefit and I

would hate to see students send scholarships back only to find out they would have been better off keeping them. It's a strange situation. In one hand you have \$3000 coming off your loan, and on the other hand you have to deal with the political and personal issues this may cause. Weigh the pros and cons before jumping to any rash decisions.

I fully support anyone who has already sent back their scholarships, but I will not hold it against anyone who holds on to theirs to reap the benefits that they can get. I'm holding out for the benefits, and if in the future I found out I made a bad decision, I'll just hire Todd Bosak's A-Team to go in and get me my money!

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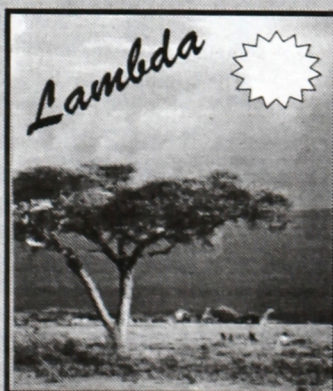
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DEAR LAMBDA:

It is with great irritation that I write this letter, not in retribution but for future reference and evaluation of the Health Services Department of the university.

In order to properly voice my concerns it is necessary to fully brief you on the history of the situation. In November of 1999 I had a full physical done, as most women should do once a year. I also began the birth control pill. All of this was done through the Health Services Department.

Last Wednesday, the 12th, on return from Christmas vacation I made an appointment with Health Services in order to get a repeat prescription of the birth control pill. At that appointment I was informed that my internal physical needed to be repeated in six months, that the lab had found "something". The physician also prescribed me a different intensity of the birth control pill because I had been getting headaches with the first prescription.

Before leaving the office I handed my prescription to the secretary of Health Services and requested that it be faxed to Plaza 69 IDA. That afternoon I went to the Plaza 69 IDA to pick up my prescription.

Busy as I was on Thursday the 13th, I did not check to see if my prescription had been sent to the pharmacy. However, first thing Friday the 14th, I called the Plaza 69 Pharmacy and my prescription had still not been faxed in. I was to start the pill again on Sunday, so it was crucial to get the prescription filled. I called Health Services immediately and was asked to come in as the secretary could not find my prescription.

When I arrived at Health Services I was shown to an examination room and the nurse came in. She

asked me what the problem was and I patiently explained the situation. She then left the room with my file and upon returning told me that my file had been mixed up with another on Wednesday.

My internal physical had shown up normal and that it did not need to be redone in six months and that my prescription had someone else's name on it. That was why when I went to the pharmacy to pick it up it was not there. The nurse kindly changed the name on the prescription and had it faxed again to Plaza 69 Pharmacy.

That afternoon, Friday the 14th, I again went to the Plaza 69 IDA to pick up my prescription. This time I was informed that the birth control pill prescribed was no longer available, that it had been discontinued in the spring of 1999, and that as of 4:00 pm they had been unsuccessful in contacting the physician from the university because he was not working.

I am writing this letter to make known my anger and my frustration with Laurentian's Health Services Department. This "comedy of errors" should never have occurred the way it did. Both my parents have been working in the health care profession, as registered nurses, for over forty years combined and neither of them nor I have ever heard of such an ordeal.

We put our lives and trust in the hands of these "professionals" and expect that they will care for us. I am concerned that our university health care may not be all that we expect and need it to be.

Yours truly,
Holly Heale

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FACES IN THE CROWD

Q. What Do You Think of The Millennium Scholarships?



SARA GRIFFIN

"I have friends with it who are happy now, but what about in the future? The whole thing only sounds good for small loans."



PAUL MADGETT

"I think scholarships should be given to the student personally for university expenses."



VOYAGEUR

"I would turn the scholarship down just because I am afraid of Todd Bosak! You never know what that guy is going to do!"

Erosion

by John Wozniak
Staff Writer

This article is about a glaring oxymoron: good government. These two words do not belong side by side in Canada. The Liberal government under Heir Chretien has been devastating the citizens of this country for seven years now. The destruction and erosion of the social safety net in this country is an utter disgrace. I, for one, am pretty pissed off about this whole situation.

The health care system in this country used to be our pride and joy. The universal health care available to all was once something to be envied by other countries. The rape and slow murder of this system for the benefit of profiteers is not something I would flaunt as my government's crowning achievement.

Education of a country's youth is the single most valuable investment a country can make. The benefits of a well educated population are infinite. The return on this investment may be slow in coming but it is huge when it does finally arrive. It is also something everyone should have

the opportunity to experience. Heir Chretien and his fat-cat cronies want only the rich to be educated. They are destroying our education system with the help of other extremely irresponsible elected officials such as Mike Harris and his Hardy Boys books.

The question of 'what to do about this homeless problem' is hardly worth discussing. I can hear the outcries amongst readers out there after reading this assertion. I only say this because the answer is painfully obvious. Why don't we try building a strong economy in which 9% national unemployment is unheard of so these people will have options?

But we do have a strong economy you say. The fact that you have eaten the garbage we are fed on a daily basis makes me laugh and cringe at the same time. This is simply not the case. Period. Seeing is believing I like to say. Look around you. What do you see? Do you see prosperity everywhere? I see prosperity on Bay Street and on Parliament Hill as well as in other Ivory Towers. But these are always pros-

pering. I see acute despair on farms in the Western provinces, in the Maritimes and on the streets across the country. The rich get richer and we get screwed.

All of this is intuitively obvious. What is the solution? That is simple. Instead of investing in the bank accounts of corporate citizens and the filthy rich why not invest in the people of this fine country?

Idiots and fools from you friendly neighbourhood School of Business (AKA School of Morons, Liars, Thieves and Greedmongers) will tell you that to be internationally competitive blah blah blah. Well, don't believe the hype (pardon the irony). It simply is not the truth.

When greed and money are the driving motives of a democratic (I use the term loosely) government such as ours no one really wins in the end. When honesty and integrity rule the day, progress is possible. Do Canada a favour Heir Chretien and take a trip to Grozny for a week. Invite Mike Harris to go with you

Career Column

What's a University Degree Worth?

by Paddy Blenkinsop
Counseling and Resource Centre

Some time ago a couple of articles appeared in the Canadian press, Macleans and the Globe, which apparently contradicted one another. The Macleans article, the Cover Story, was headlined: "Why College Grads Get Jobs." On the same day the Globe, in its more conservative style, ran the headline: "Arts background no handicap in quest for jobs, study finds."

The former article was about technology and how the Colleges were focusing on that area of the economy, which is where the new jobs are. The latter introduced a study which "found that humanities and social science graduates land good jobs, earn more and suffer less unemployment than those with only

(sic) technical and vocational training". It quoted recent stats which indicated that the unemployment rate for university grads was 5.8%, while that of technical and vocational grads was 9.3% and went on to claim that the difference is even greater in terms of long-term earning power.

Here is the old quarrel about education and training and their relative worth. Of course, both are important, and both contribute personally, socially and economically. But I'd like to make two comments. First, it is about time that humanities and social science students stopped saying "I'm only in Arts", as though they are apologizing for their choice. To whom are they apologizing, by the way? Presumably to some prevailing, pervasive and misguided belief that technical skills are more impor-

tant than a liberal arts education.

My second comment is about what is known in the career planning field as "transferable skills". Briefly, what you know is less important than how you know. Information itself is of less importance to you than the means by which you got there, researched, analysed, evaluated and finally expressed that information. Those are some of the main "transferable skills" you acquire at university in your academic programmes, and they will vary from faculty to faculty, and from department to department. They are the skills you can draw on in any job situation, and they are the skills you can highlight when you come to deciding about the job you want to do and to start to talk to potential employers.

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Notes from the SGA

by Jamie Wylie
SGA President

For the past two years January has been synonymous with stress for me. This is due to a number of reasons, football playoffs, broken resolutions, and more significantly the approach of the SGA elections. 2000 will be different, and somewhat relaxed, as I get to sit back and watch people criticize each other instead of me. Not that I mind criticism but let's just say this year will be a nice change of pace.

The SGA has been advertising for a chief returning officer for some time now and hopefully by the time this paper comes out it will be filled. With this, nominations will soon be open for a number of positions including, but not limited to, President, 2 Vice-Presidents, 3 Senators, and 5 Off Campus Representatives. More information is available in the SGA office for those who may be interested. The elections themselves will be held in March and it would be nice to see lots of people getting involved.

In the meantime, keep your ears open for more Carney info, and don't forget February 2 is Access 2000. The more students who come out and participate in this event the greater the impact we will have. Keep in mind that the rally be indoors so you will be hard pressed to find an excuse not to go. More specific details about this event and entertainment to follow will be posted soon.

The University Belongs to the Students

by Todd Bosak
columnist

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!!

Wow, less than a week to go. For a long time now, students from across the country have been preparing for February 2nd, ACCESS 2000 day. As in other places, Sudbury has been preparing in earnest for this event. Plans have been made for what could quite possibly be the largest march and rally by students in the history of Northern Ontario. As well, the halls at Laurentian have been buzzing with talk about deregulation, tuition fees, millennium scholarships and other funding issues.

One thing that has left me very pumped regarding ACCESS 2000 is the NHL funding issue. I know, it doesn't make sense on the surface, or does it? Simply put, the government was going to give money to Canadian NHL teams and a lot of people freaked out. People from the right to the left, people from coast to coast said that this was a bad use of money when people in Canada were homeless. Did it have anything to do with the student issue? not really. What it did say though was that if enough people got angry about something, the government was going to begrudgingly listen.

This is huge. For everyone who was not sure whether to come out on February 2nd because they felt that it would have no effect, this issue spoke volumes about the fact that the government when greeted with loud opposition, will bend. Maybe just maybe they will bend again after February 2nd. One thing is certainly for sure, if we don't come out things won't change, so what do we have to lose?

So one last time, buses for the rally leave at 2:30 pm on the 2nd, the march starts at 3 pm at the parking lot across from Bell Park at the corner of York and Paris. The march will wind through downtown and end at the Grand Theatre. At the Grand, a rally will take place featuring people from the university and the community in general. The rally will be followed by a show called "Indie Blast", which features up and coming bands from across the country. It will be a good time but it will as well be an occasion to really make a difference. See you there.

Your Writing Problems Solved

When a teacher writes sentence structure or S.S. on my paper, what does he or she mean?

The term 'sentence structure' is kind of a catch-all term that denotes problems at the level of the sentence. This is a problem because the sentence is the key building block in the writing process. In all likelihood, 'S.S.' represents one of the following difficulties:

1) A sentence fragment or an incomplete sentence

The solution is to be sure that every sentence you write has a subject, a verb, and a main idea.

2) A comma splice

A comma splice occurs when a writer tries to connect two sentences using a comma; if you wish to connect two sentences because they relate in terms of idea, try a semi-colon. A semi-colon, used correctly, impresses your readers.

3) A run-on, or fused sentence

This kind of sentence situation is crying for punctuation; you have 2-3 sentences presented as one. Deal with this problem but reshaping the section into a couple of clear and correct sentences.



La Bourse du Millénaire : "pas une aubaine pour les étudiants"

par Gérald D. Woodard
Rédacteur francophone

Les étudiants sont de nouveau des pions dans un jeu de politique entre le fédéral et les provinces. La semaine passée, nous avons publié un court article sur la réalité des Bourses du Millénaire. Cette semaine, nous vous fournissons de plus amples détails sur la situation des étudiants qui ont reçu cette bourse.

Mardi de la semaine passée, deux étudiants de la Laurentienne ont tenu une conférence de presse afin d'annoncer qu'ils refusaient la bourse en conséquence de la gestion des fonds par le gouvernement Harris. Sarah Dean est l'une des étudiantes en question. "Quand j'ai reçu la lettre, dit-elle, j'ai fait comme la plupart des étudiants feront : je me suis dit qu'enfin je recevais un peu d'aide. Mais comme ce n'est pas

pire, l'étudiant se voit obligé à déclarer la bourse comme revenu et y payer des impôts. L'étudiant pourrait facilement se trouver en situation de déficit!

Le gouvernement Harris, selon certaines estimations, pourrait épargner de 50 à 70 millions de dollars par de telles mesures. Et c'est les étudiants qui écopent la facture.

Diane Marleau, députée fédérale à Sudbury, dit que ce n'est pas du tout surprenant. "Ce n'est pas la première fois que nous nous sommes fait avoir par le gouvernement Harris, dit-elle. Il a fait la même chose lorsque le fédéral a accordé un crédit d'impôts pour enfants aux mères à bas revenu. Harris a ensuite enlever un montant égale aux mères assistées sociales."

Mme Marleau dit que c'est

sont présentés à l'AGE afin de regarder leur situation personnelle pour prendre une décision. Il dit que ces révélations "ont eu pour effets de solidariser les étudiant comme je ne le pensais pas possible."

Rick Bartolucci et Shelley Martel, députés provinciaux de la région, ont tous les deux condamné le gouvernement Harris pour cette dernière attaque contre les étudiants. "C'est du vol, pour le moindre dire" déclare Martel. "Il n'essaie même pas de la cacher. C'est ouvert à la vue. Il n'y a aucune responsabilité. On fait cela pendant que la législature n'est pas en session, alors le gouvernement ne fait même pas face aux questions de l'opposition."

Selon Bartolucci, "On ne peut pas faire confiance à Mike Harris d'utiliser les fonds qu'il reçoit dans le but originel des fonds. On l'a vu dans le domaine de la santé, et on le voit aujourd'hui en éducation. "Il dit que l'idée d'aider aux étudiants en besoin en est une très bonne. "Qui pourrait critiquer une telle idée? demande-t-il. Ce sont ceux que l'on invite au party qui changent tout."

Bartolucci dit qu'il ne peut pas croire que les étudiants voudraient aider le gouvernement dans son agenda de coupures d'impôts pour les riches, et donner une bonne image aux deux gouvernements. "Le gouvernement devrait se rendre compte que si les étudiants refusent une bourse il doit y avoir un problème dans la façon dont la bourse est gérée. Les deux paliers de gouvernement doivent apprendre à partir de ce que les étudiants disent. La critique libérale en éducation rencontrerait mardi le président de la Fondation des Bourses du Millénaire afin de discuter de la situation.

Ce n'est pas dans ma nature de faire confiance au gouvernement Harris, (alors) j'ai commencé à me poser des questions...

-- Sarah Dean, étudiante



dans ma nature de faire confiance au gouvernement Harris, j'ai commencé à me poser des questions et... mes inquiétudes se sont révélées vraies."

Ce qui s'est révélé vrai c'est que le gouvernement fédéral transfère les fonds des bourses au provinciale qui le distribue ensuite aux étudiants. Le gouvernement Harris, cependant a décidé d'appliquer les fonds à la dette de chaque étudiant... avant que l'exonération ne soit appliquée. Cela se traduit en une réalité très décevante pour bien des étudiants.

La loi stipule qu'un étudiant ne peut pas être obligé à remettre plus que 7 000\$ pour chaque année de prêts. Donc, si l'étudiant reçoit 10 000\$ ou plus, le montant de la bourse serait absorbé par l'exonération que le gouvernement accorde. Et, chose

une situation difficile parce que l'éducation relève de la juridiction du gouvernement provinciale. Elle dit que le fédéral ne peut pas dicter les conditions aux provinces.

Mais Todd Bosak, vice-président des affaires étudiantes à l'AGE, dit autrement. "C'est ridicule. Quand Mme Marleau était la ministre de la santé, elle faisait face à un domaine de juridiction provinciale. Elle a implanté une loi sur les normes en santé qui stipulait des normes que les provinces devaient rencontrer avant de recevoir les fonds. On pourrait facilement faire la même chose en éducation."

Bosak dit qu'il y a déjà trois ou quatre étudiants qui ont refusé la bourse et que beaucoup d'autres se



" Cela a eu pour effet de solidariser les étudiant comme je ne le pensais pas possible. "

-- Todd Bosak, AGE

Les étudiants qui décident de refuser la bourse ont jusqu'au 10 février pour aviser la Fondation de leur décision. Après cette date, les fonds seront tous transférés et il ne pourrait pas y avoir de recul.

Tout ceci ne fait qu'augmenter la ferveur des étudiants, qui se préparent actuellement pour la campagne Accès 2000 le 2 février. Bosak dit que l'on s'attend à voir beaucoup de gens lors des activités de cette journée organisée par la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants (FCEE). Il y aura des forums sur le campus et l'on construira un mur de dette pour représenter le niveau d'endettement des étudiants. Il y aura aussi une marche à partir de Bell Park jusqu'à centre-ville. "Nous prévoyons une grande participation de gens des autres villes du Nord dit Bosak. Les étudiants sont fou furieux, surtout avec cette question des bourses du millénaire."

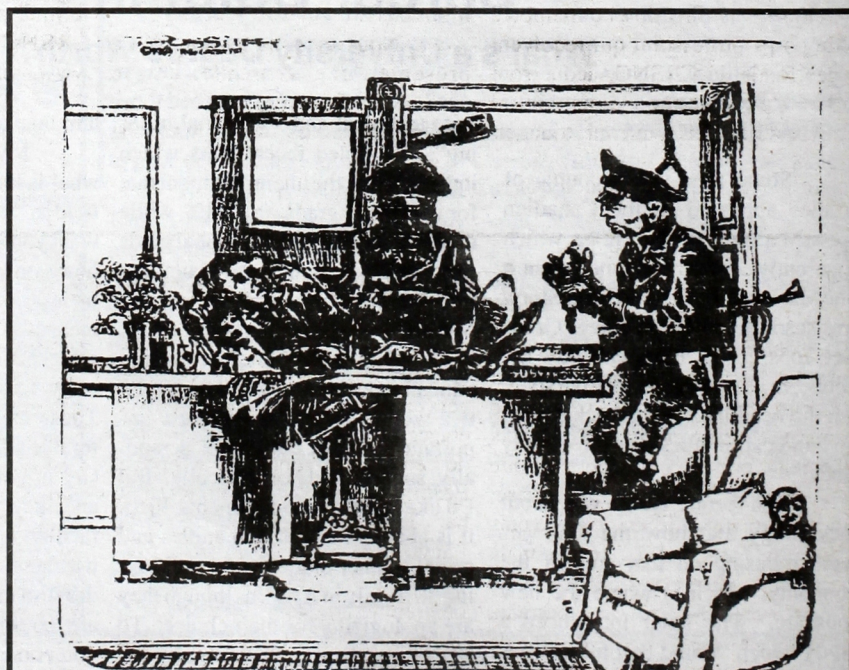
Les revendications principales lors de la journée Accès 2000 sont la fin des coupures fédérales en éducation et formation (que l'on évalue à 5 million de dollars entre

1993 et 1997), la dette étudiante (évaluée au-dessus de 25 000\$) et les droits de scolarité (qui ont doublé dans certaines provinces).

Shelley Martel dit espérer pouvoir assister à certains des événements de la journée et son bureau, ainsi que celui du chef néo-démocrate Howard Hampton, ont déjà communiqué leur appui pour la campagne Accès 2000. "J'attends voir l'horaire de la journée pour confirmer, mais je serais définitivement en ville ce jour-là."

Bosak a récemment défier Diane Marleau à débattre avec lui les dépenses sociales du fédéral lors de Accès 2000. Malheureusement, Mme Marleau est présentement à l'extérieure et ne sera pas de retour à temps. Mais il semblerait que le débat aura lieu plus tard sur le campus de la Laurentienne.

Pour les étudiants qui veulent de plus amples renseignements sur les événements de Accès 2000, on peut s'adresser aux associations étudiantes ou visiter le site web de la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants à www.cfs-fcee.ca.



"PRÉPARÉ?... BIEN SÛR!... EN EFFET, L'ADMINISTRATION A BIEN HÂTE AUX PROCHAINES MANIFESTATIONS."

" Ceci n'est pas une aubaine pour les étudiants. À mon avis, c'est une punition. "

-- Rick Bartolucci, député

Les maux du rédacteur

La Politique et Elian

par Gérald D. Woodard
Rédacteur Francophone

Un jeune garçon est séparé de son père et de ses grands-parents. La raison? Non pas l'abus, ni la pauvreté extrême. C'est tout simplement de la politique. C'est une querelle qui remonte de 50 ans, le restant de la guerre froide.

Elian Gonzalez est ce jeune garçon du Cuba qui a été trouvé dans l'Atlantique près de la Floride au mois de novembre dernier après que le bateau dans lequel il se trouvait s'est écoulé, amenant tous les autres occupants au fond de la mer. Des « parents » en Floride l'ont pris en garde et ont tout de suite demandé la garde. Demandé la garde? Auprès de qui? Une cour qui n'avait aucune juridiction sur un garçon d'un autre pays? Eh, oui! Encore une fois, les Américains se pensent les maîtres du monde entier.

Mais, la « justice » américaine a, pour une fois, vu qu'elle n'avait pas cette autorité. La cour a décidé, après une longue bataille, qu'Elian devrait être avec son père en Cuba. Mais ça n'a pas arrêté là. Les dits « parents » ont fait une autre demande et, quatre mois après avoir été sauvé des eaux froides de l'Atlantique, Elian est toujours à Miami.

Maintenant, le Congrès

américain veut adopter une loi spéciale qui accorderait à Elian la citoyenneté américaine, ce qui ôterait la juridiction des services d'immigration et de la ministre de la justice Janet Reno, qui est sorti en faveur du retour d'Elian en Cuba.

Quand est-ce que les autorités américaines vont se rendre compte que, parfois, on devait laisser de côté la politique et regarder le morale? Depuis environ 50 ans, ils mènent une guerre politique contre le Cuba, guerre qui coûte chère au peuple cubain mais n'a aucun effet sur son gouvernement. On dit qu'il faut forcer le gouvernement communiste de Fidel Castro à changer, à améliorer les droits de la personne. Mais, entre temps, les américains sont grands amis avec des pays comme l'Indonésie, pays qui a massacré près d'un quart de la population en Timor de l'Est. Il semblerait que si un pays estriche on s'inquiète moins des droits de la personne. Mais ce n'est là rien de nouveau pour nos amis du Sud. Ils n'ont tout simplement jamais pardonné à Fidel Castro de leur avoir volé leur petit coin du paradis qu'ils aimaient autant soumettre à leur volonté.

Les « parents » d'Elian en

Floride, des grands-oncles et des grands-tantes, ils n'avaient jamais vu Elian avant de le trouver dans l'océan. Ce sont là des gens qui ont quitté le Cuba, ou qui sont descendus de gens qui avaient quitté le Cuba, lorsque Castro a pris le pouvoir et a approprié leurs grandes richesses qu'ils avaient amassées sur le dos des pauvres. La communauté cubaine de Miami a une grande influence avec les hommes politiques à Washington. Et ils s'en servent pour des raisons purement personnelles, cherchant à alimenter un vendetta personnel contre l'homme qui a mis fin au viol de son pays par des gens d'affaires américains et leurs petites marionnettes cubaines.

Que l'on mette de côté la politique personnelle et fasse ce qui est mieux pour un petit garçon. Que l'on lui retourne à la seule famille qu'il a connu. Ce n'est pas un pion dans un jeu de guerre, c'est un être humain. Si les Américains sont si inquiets des droits de la personne qu'ils en accordent quelques-uns à ce petit garçon tout à fait innocent.



L'Usage Français

Cette rubrique est consacrée aux nuances de la langue française. Elle fournira, grâce à des extraits du *Langagier* du Département de Français, des clarifications sur l'usage, correct et incorrect, de certains mots et combinaisons de mots. Ici, on retrouvera aussi, parfois, de petits jeux de mots pour vous amuser. Si vous avez des mots sur lesquels vous voulez être éclairés, faites-les parvenir au Lambda ou au *Langagier* (Département de Français). Nous voulons remercier le rédacteur du *Langagier*, le Docteur Pascal Sabourin, pour sa coopération.

CONDUCTEUR, CHAUFFEUR

En français moderne, ces deux termes recouvrent à peu près la même réalité quand il s'agit de nommer la personne au volant d'une voiture, mais l'étude de leur origine révèle des nuances appréciables entre eux.

Conducteur est le plus ancien des deux termes (XIV^e siècle, du lat. *con* et *ductor*, celui qui dirige, qui mène). D'abord, celui qui conduit des animaux, puis une diligence, ensuite un train et enfin une automobile (fin du XIX^e siècle). Toutes ces acceptions renferment l'idée que la personne dirige, mène et conduit une machine ou un troupeau.

Pour sa part, **chauffer** est une création relativement récente (XVII^e siècle, de chauffer, lat. *calefacere*, rendre chaud). Si certains conducteurs du temps des Fêtes se sont « rechauffés » avant de prendre le volant, il reste qu'une connexion très claire existe entre **chauffeur** et *calefacere*. Initialement, **chauffeur** désignait la personne qui entretenait le feu de la forge, du fourneau ou de la chaudière. Les premiers locomotives à vapeur avaient donc un **chauffeur** (celui qui alimentait la chaudière) et un **conducteur** (celui qui conduisait le train). Plus tard, l'alimentation automatique de la chaudière et le remplacement de celle-ci par des moteurs ont fait disparaître la fonction de **chauffeur**, mais le mot est resté. Et les premières voitures? Elles fonctionnaient effectivement à la vapeur jusqu'à l'invention du moteur à essence. Ces voitures avaient donc besoin d'un **chauffeur** et d'un **conducteur** (parfois la même personne), puis d'un mécanicien et d'un **conducteur** (souvent la même personne, même de nos jours!).

Enfin, rappelez-vous vos premières leçons de conduite

données par votre père : « Tu chauffes trop vite! » vous reprochait-il. Ce sens ne s'entend qu'au Canada et il produit un effet humoristique lorsqu'on attribue à **chauffer** son sens premier de *calefacere*.

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BROSSE (sauter une, prendre une)

Durant la période des Fêtes et des carnavals, il se peut que l'oncle Henri « saute sa brosse »! Absente des dictionnaires usuels comme le *Robert*, cette vieille expression canadienne ne doit rien au sens premier de **brosse** qui est, comme on le sait, un ustensile de nettoyage. Un fidèle lecteur, Donald Deschênes, du Centre franco-ontarien de folklore, nous fournit l'explication suivante.

Selon le *Dictionnaire nord-américain de la langue française* de Bélisle, ce sens du mot **brosse** viendrait du vieux français *broisse* ou *breusse* (dans Rabelais) qui désigne une coupe, une tasse. « Prendre une brosse », à l'origine, était donc l'équivalent de l'expression moderne « prendre un verre », c'est à dire le fait de boire. Par extension, la langue populaire accorde au mot le sens de trop boire, de s'enivrer. Un **brosseux** (ancien *brossieux*) est donc la personne qui a l'habitude de s'enivrer (souvent le samedi soir!). Au sens moral, c'est une personne aux moeurs désordonnées, débauchée.

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FRIPÉ

Ce canadianisme haut en couleur désigne la personne qui, le lendemain d'une « brosse », a l'apparence d'un vieux vêtement plissé (fripé, défraîchi). On dit d'une personne qu'elle a l'air fripé, qu'elle est fripée (maganée).

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à www.nserc.ca/forms/formtable_f.htm

Date limite : le 4 février

Le coin insensé

Deux hommes sont en train de prendre un verre au dernier étage du Empire State Building. L'un se tourne à l'autre et dit : « Tu sais, la semaine passée, j'ai découvert que si l'on saute du haut de cette édifice, rendu au dixième étage les vents sont si forts qu'ils amènent la personne autour de l'édifice et on rentre par la fenêtre. » Le barman, tout en essuyant le bar, fait signe de désapprobation. « Quoi, t'es fou? dit l'autre homme. C'est impossible, ça. » Le premier dit : « Non, c'est

vrai. Que je te fasses la preuve. » Il se lève du bar, saute du balcon, et tombe vers la rue. Quand il passe le dixième étage, le vent fort lui fait faire le tour de l'édifice et il rentre par la fenêtre. Ensuite, il prend l'ascenseur jusqu'au bar. L'autre homme dit : « Sais-tu, j'ai vu ça de mes propres yeux, mais ça doit sûrement être un pur hasard. » Le premier lui dit : « Pas du tout. Je le ferais encore. », et il saute une autre fois et tombe vers la rue où le vent autour du dixième étage lui fait circuler l'édifice et rentrer par la

fenêtre. Revenu au bar, il encourage l'autre à l'essayer. L'autre réfléchit un peu et dit : « Bien, pourquoi pas. Ça marche, donc je l'essais. » Il saute du balcon et tombe vers la rue. Il passe le onzième étage, le dixième étage, le neuvième étage, le huitième étage... et tombe mort sur le trottoir! En haut, le barman se tourne à l'autre homme et dit : « Tu sais, Superman, t'es vraiment méchant quand tu bois. »

AVIS

L'Université Laurentienne annonce avec regret le décès de Mme Karen Blackford, professeure agrégée de sciences infirmières à l'Université Laurentienne, survenu le jeudi 13 janvier, à Winnipeg (Manitoba). Le service funéraire a eu lieu le mercredi 19 janvier, à Winnipeg, et la présentation d'un service commémoratif à Sudbury sera annoncée à une date ultérieure.

En congé de l'Université Laurentienne depuis le mois d'août 1998, Karen Blackford occupait la chaire de recherche sur les études des handicaps à l'Université du Manitoba.

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Women are particularly encouraged to apply for the awards, since NSERC is requesting a gender balance of applications. Laurentian University has a quota of 16 awards this year. More information and application forms are available at the Student awards Office, P-111, 675-6578, or ext. 3050.

Deadline for applications is February 4, 2000.

The University of Sudbury Year End Awards

The Sword Award

The Sword of Loyola is the University of Sudbury's highest award. It was established in 1966 by the Board of Regents to recognize the graduating student who has proved to be the most outstanding example of the university's ideal in scholarship, leadership qualities, and concern for others.

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The Pianosi Award is presented annually to students of the University of Sudbury College who have clearly manifested qualities of leadership as well as a real dedication to the service of their community. The Award is intended to be an incentive to the recipient to follow in "Red" Pianosi's footsteps as a committed member of the community in an outstanding manner.

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Nominations

Students are welcome to nominate either themselves or any other student registered at the University of Sudbury whom they feel both qualify and deserve either of the above mentioned awards. Nominations to the Sword Award are reserved for graduating students.

Nominations for these awards close at noon, January 31, 2000.
Nomination forms can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

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Feature:

MILD... MEDIUM... HOT... DAMN!!!

My Name is Derek and I am Addicted to Warmth

by Derek Serafini
Features Editor

In general, I distrust the weather person on the radio in the morning. Regardless of who it is, they always try to tell me that "today will be warmer." It never is. I get out from under the covers and I have to run to the warm shower and, after showering, get dressed as quickly as possible. For, the cold just kills me.

I won't resort to ranting about how bad the cold is like I did last week. The cold (I'm sure you will agree with me on this) just plain sucks. Enough said about that.

Last week, we did a feature on cold and all those things that are related to cold. But, as you know, I hate the cold. To give pages to it and neglect warmth is just unfair - especially considering my eternal love of warmth. So, in the following pages, we intend to give warmth its dues.

Picture now, if you will, a beach. It is a long beach - it stretches to the horizon in both directions. The sand is white and the water is a deep

blue. You are sitting on this beach looking out at the surf. Way off in the distance, you can see some boats. Closer to shore, there are people swimming and surfing. You just sit there and continue to observe. As you do, the sun strikes the back of your neck and, though you know prolonged exposure will cause a burn, you don't care. In fact, you reach for the tanning oil right beside you and apply a liberal amount to all exposed areas of your body. You pull your sunglasses down over your eyes and you lie back on your beach towel. The sun continues to relentlessly beat down on you, but you don't care. In fact, you relish in it. You close your eyes and listen to the laughter of the children, the distant humming of motors, and the constant lapping of the water against the shore. The sun just gets hotter, but it feels great. The coconut oil begins to bake on your skin and you can smell the sweetness. You start to get hungry and sit up again. You cut into a fresh, ripe pineapple and suckle its sweet juices.

And, you sit back and smile and say, "yes, heat is good."

I'm starting to hear everybody talk about spring break now and all the warm places they are planning on visiting. Some talk about Mexico, some are going to the Dominican, still some are planning on going to Cuba. However, since I am a warm person, I have no real need of heading away in order to be warm. I can just close my eyes and experience the beach. Although the world around me is shrouded in a blanket of snow and the air is filled with sharp, biting cold, I can still revel in the imagined warmth of another time and place. It's not much, but it is the best I can do right now.

I think that, after the past couple of weeks, most people would agree that warmth is a good thing - a very good thing. So, join us on our discovery of those things that are the opposite of cold. For, maybe just for a second, if we all think warm thoughts, it might help to speed winter's departure.

Stuck In Sudbury for Spring Break?

Julie Murphy
Asst. Features Editor

Being stuck in Sudbury for Spring Break really isn't that bad. I've lived here my entire life and in order to not die of boredom, all you need is a little creativity. Here are a few things you may want to check out:

The Sudbury Art Gallery (674-3271)

The art gallery is located at 251 John street and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12-5, Thursday from 12-8, and Saturday from 10-5. Admission is on a pay-what-you-can basis.

Adanac Ski Hill (566-9911)

The ski hill is open Wednesday and Thursday from 6-10 and a lift ticket is 12 dollars. On Saturday and Sunday they are open from 10-4, lift ticket is 20 dollars for the full day or 12 dollars for a half day. They also have day skiing, you just have to call for times.

The Sudbury Theatre Centre (674-8381)

The Theatre Centre is located downtown at 170 Shaughnessy. The next production entitled Criminal Genius starts on February 24th and runs through until March 9th. The curtain goes up nightly at 8pm and tickets are \$11.77 for full time students and \$26.75 for adults. There is also a pay-what-you-can matinee on Sunday the 27th at 2pm.



The Practical (And Fun) Alternative Heat Source

by Sarah Hamelin
Staff Writer

When the topic of warmth was presented to me, I spent a good couple of days actually trying to figure out exactly what *I* associate with it. Needless to say nothing came to mind, so when talking with a friend I mentioned my dilemma, and she popped out a few suggestions. One of them was pyromania. Well, right off the bat I loved it, being a fire lover myself. And I also saw it as a chance to continue on the whole subject of setting things on fire that I started in one of my first articles for this paper. So I might as well just begin explaining why I am fascinated with a subject such as this.

In plain and simple terms, it's fire. I mean, we get to play with fire and burn stuff, and this is a power that only we hold at our fingertips. You never see a dog starting a fire, or that fly that you tried to kill 3 weeks ago suddenly torching your house. It seems to be something that only man gets to play with, which I think is a pretty cool little bonus gift. However, one must keep in mind that fire is a privilege, not a right. It's abuse of this privilege that creates pyromaniacs. But you know, even rereading that I kind of wonder if that's true. I mean, if it wasn't for pyromaniacs there would be a lot of stuff laying around that would just be taking up space. If you think about it, they can be pretty handy people to have on your side, especially in the fall. Buy them a jug of gasoline, a box of matches, and let them loose in your backyard. Not only will you get a pretty light show, but think of the

warmth it will provide you with on those chilly autumn nights .. not to mention relief from the backache that consequently comes with racking.

Unfortunately, come winter a pyromaniac must get restless. I mean, the snow laying around everywhere creates a heavy obstacle when you are trying to set fire to things because the snow melts, making water, which puts out your fire. This is when they resort to heavy duty stuff, like, well, torching buildings. Or causing cars to explode, whatever it takes to bring a smile to their face. Now this kids is what we call bad pyromania. When you endanger the lives of other people for a cheap thrill, well they have a place just for you, complete with padded walls and a nice white coat to match. There is however, good pyromania. I consider myself a good pyromaniac. I consider my stepbrother, who developed a liking of playing with matches in his room at the age of 9, a bad pyromaniac. He isn't in an institution as mentioned above, but an even worse one by being forced to remain with my parents. Either way, a good pyromaniac has self control; we only burn things that are designed to be burnt. Paper, candles, food, this is the type of stuff we set fire to. I know that I must spend a small fortune on candles and incense just because I love to burn them. I don't need to, I mean I have lights, and it's not like my place needs to have incense burning continuously, but they are just practical things that I can burn without (purposely) burning down the house.

So for you good pyromani-

acs, I have a few suggestions to pass the winter months so that you don't go totally stir crazy and resort to bad pyromania. However for bad pyromaniacs, I have no suggestions because, well, I refuse to support the delinquency of fellow pyromaniacs. - Candles are a great way to release all that pent up yearning for a burning. I mean, you can put them out, then relight, put out, relight .. over and over again without causing any real damage, unless of course you are a klutz and spill wax all over yourself.

- Like candles, incense work well too. If you're too cheap to buy incense, just grab some herbs from the kitchen, toss them into a fireproof bowl (this means plastic is NOT fireproof, trust me, I've tested this one out myself), then follow with a match and watch them burn. Of course, be careful how you mix them, otherwise you might end up with a rather awful stench in your apartment for a few days (if you live in rez, double remember this one).

- Brush up on your culinary skills by exploring flambee. Bananas are usually what are used in this technique, all you do is kinda cook them in the pan, then toss some alcohol on them, light a match and add, then watch them burn. When you get tired of this, just toss the lid on the pan the flames will go out on their own. Now I think it's brandy you use, but don't feel restricted. Experiment with other fine alcohol beverages, like vodka or whiskey, or maybe even rum. Also experiment with food, you don't have to stay with bananas. Try grilled

cheese flambee, or even kraft dinner, once again playing around with different kinds of alcohol. I mean, it's not like you actually have any intention of eating this stuff anyway.

- Turn your toaster up to full-burn, then toss a few pieces of toast in there and wait for the sweet smell of burnt wheat to fill the air.

- Okay so some people wouldn't be satisfied with these basic at-home

burning ideas, so for them, those who want something big, might I suggest organizing a book burning? You know you really don't need a good excuse, almost anything will work. Proclaim how the word 'it' is offensive to hermaphrodites, and hence all books containing it should be burned. I'm sure the response will not disappoint you.

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Fact: Three out of four U.S. households own a barbecue grill
 Fact: Families are far more apt to own a barbecue grill (84%) than non-family households in primarily single persons living alone (54%)
 Fact: A majority (57%) of grill owners own an LP gas grill while more than half (54%) also own a charcoal grill. About 8% own a natural gas grill and 3% own an electric grill
 Fact: Ownership of LP gas grills is especially high per household in the Northeast as compared to other regions of the U.S.
 Fact: Outdoor electric grill ownership is somewhat above average when the head of household is retired, and among those who live in a condominium
 Fact: More than half of grill owners say they will buy an LP gas grill next
 Fact: Thirty-nine percent of grills were purchased during the past two years, with a quarter now three to four years old and more than a third (37%) purchased five or more years ago
 Fact: About 11% of barbecue grills are purchased as a gift
 Fact: Men are generally more likely than women (by about two to one) to be the household member who decides to buy the grill
 Fact: When it comes to demonstrating their barbecue prowess, men still dominate the actual cooking.
 Fact: Bigger families (3 or 4 members) barbecue more often
 Fact: Grilling year 'round is more common among gas grill owners (64%), but charcoal chefs (41%) also brave the elements, especially those with convenient cart-type covered grills
 Fact: Wood smokers and electric grills often are used throughout the year, too
 Fact: Just over half of grill owners are heavy/medium users (4+ times per month) but they do the vast majority of the barbecuing more than 85%
 Fact: Men are much more apt (61%) than women (39%) to do the barbecuing, with the percentage increasing since 1995
 Fact: The Northeast leads the heavy barbecuer category, followed by North Central, South and West

The Warmth of Summer

Julie Murphy
 Asst. Features Editor

I love summer. It is by far my favourite season. The main reason behind my reasoning is that it isn't cold. When October hits, and summer is behind us, all I do is look forward to next summer. I get excited at the first patch of brown grass visible on my front lawn. Bye-bye

Mr. Snow Plow Man. My favourite memory of summer would have to be...hmm. Yes, I had just graduated from high school, had just finished my last exam and I was walking through the parking lot of my school. It was a gorgeous day out and someone was playing "School's Out For Summer" by Alice Cooper on their car stereo. It was just one of those moments.

There are many reasons why summer really rocks. Summer in Sudbury is always greatly appreciated because it's just so damn cold the rest of the year. I personally can think of a million reasons why summer beats out any other season of the year. First of all the air conditioning works a hell of a lot better than the heat in my car. And you can drive with the windows down and not freeze to death.

Camping is always a ton of fun as are road trips. I went on a canoe trip last summer and it was absolutely the best aspect of my summer. We spent four days "Down on the River" having a blast. Just that feeling of being free. Not having to hide away in your house because it's -50 outside. And along with camping goes skinny dipping. This is one of the single coolest things about summer. Skinny dipping is a must during summer. You need to do it at least once a summer just to feel young and carefree.

The fact that it's warm just makes everything ten times better. I don't smoke, but I used to. I always felt bad smoking in the winter because I felt that I was getting pneumonia and lung cancer at the same time. At least in the summer you are cutting your chances down on this.

I also like summer sports way better than winter sports. Swimming is by far the best. It's fun, good exercise, and the perfect way to cool down. Along with swimming we also have various other water sports like water skiing, tubing and knee boarding. Throw in some friends, ice-cold beer, a BBQ, patio lanterns and a picnic table and you instantly have the perfect summer party. Having a gang sitting around the campfire is definitely a summer memory of mine.

All you really need to have a great summer is sunscreen and some great friends. Just let loose and enjoy the sunshine.



Features Tabasco Sauce

Tabasco brand products are produced by McIlhenny Company, founded in 1868 at Avery Island, Louisiana, and still in operation on that very site today.

The Company's roots were actually cultivated a few years earlier, shortly after the McIlhenny family returned to the Island from self-imposed exile during the Civil War. According to family tradition, founder Edmund McIlhenny obtained some hot pepper seeds from a traveler who had recently arrived in Louisiana from Central America. McIlhenny planted them on Avery Island, and then experimented with pepper sauces until he hit upon one he liked.

By 1868 Edmund McIlhenny began making pepper sauce, and during the early 1870's his concoction found its way to New York City, where a major nineteenth-century wholesale grocery firm, E.C. Hazard and Company, helped to introduce the product to the northeastern U.S. and beyond.

Tradition holds that McIlhenny first used discarded cologne bottles topped with sprinkler fittings for distributing his sauce, important since his pepper sauce was concentrated and was best used when sprinkled, not poured on. The ever-inventive McIlhenny washed the used bottles thoroughly, and made up labels himself. Sales grew, and by the late 1870's he even sold his sauce in England.

In 1870, Edmund McIlhenny received letters patent for his unique formula for processing peppers into a fiery red sauce.

That same process is still in use today, and Avery Island remains the headquarters for the worldwide company which is still owned and operated by direct descendants of Edmund McIlhenny. The hot red peppers that fire up Tabasco. Sauce originated in Central America. They



were first planted on Avery Island, Louisiana, over 130 years ago by Edmund McIlhenny.

At Avery Island, the hot peppers are carefully picked by hand as soon as they ripen to the perfect shade of bright red. (Young peppers are green, turning yellow, then orange and, finally, bright red as they age). When in doubt, pickers can gauge the

color by comparing it to a small wooden dowel, "le petit baton rouge," painted the preferred hue of Tabasco red.

The same day the peppers are picked, they are mashed, mixed with a small amount of Avery Island salt, placed in white oak wooden barrels and allowed to ferment and then age for up to three years.

When deemed ready by a member of the McIlhenny family who personally inspects each barrel of cleaned and drained pepper mash, the approved, fully aged mash is then blended with all-natural, high grain vinegar. Numerous stirrings and about four weeks later, the pepper skins and seeds are strained out. The "finished" sauce is then bottled by modern methods and prepared for shipment to over 105 countries around the world.

The next pepper crop is ensured by the McIlhennys who personally select the best plants in the field during harvest. The pepper seeds from those select plants are treated and dried and then stored for use the following year—both on the Island and in a local bank vault as a hedge against any disaster that might befall future crops.

Edmund McIlhenny came up with the brand name Tabasco as his second choice. Some scholars say it's a Central American Indian word that means "land where the soil is hot and humid." This certainly describes the climate of Avery Island that has proved perfect for growing his special variety of hot pepper. Other scholars have put forth that it actually means "place of coral or oyster shell".

McIlhenny originally wanted to call his concoction Petite Anse Sauce (after the Island which then was known as Isle Petite Anse). But when family members balked at the commercial use of the family Island's name, he opted for the trademark Tabasco.

SUNBURN

Even though light-skinned people have the highest risk of being sunburned, skin of any color can be damaged by the sun's rays. A sunburn is like any other kind of burn, except that it comes on more slowly. Skin that is reddened and feels hot to the touch can be self-treated and will heal in a matter of days. Sunburned skin that swells or blisters, causing localized pain and overall discomfort, is considered a first-degree burn. A sunburn that results in swelling and extensive blisters represents a deeper burn and may be accompanied by fever, nausea and dehydration. Moderate exposure to sunlight simply darkens light skin, but regular tanning over many years can hasten photoaging, characterized by leathery skin, dark spotting and extensive wrinkling. Long-term exposure, especially in Caucasians over 40, is associated with actinic keratoses, a precancerous skin condition. Severe sunburn early in life increases the risk of developing malignant melanoma, a type of skin cancer, years later.



Don't forget your Coppertone!

Symptoms include mildly red-dish to severely red or purplish skin discoloration; skin feels hot and tender. Sunburn appears 1 to 6 hours after exposure to sunlight and peaks within 12-24 hours, later fading to tan or brown. Small, fluid-filled blisters that may itch and eventually break; flaking or peeling skin that reveals the tender, reddened

underlayer. Red, blistered skin accompanied by chills, fever, nausea or dehydration. This severe stage of sunburn is considered a first-degree burn. Pain and irritation of the eye associated with overexposure to ultraviolet rays from sunlight or other sources.

Features

The Pepper Story

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by Derek Serafini
Features Editor

I've worked in the produce department of a grocery store for many years. In my travels, I've come in contact with more than my share of hot peppers. People are always afraid of peppers. They don't like the heat. But, I do. Trust me, I've encountered my fair share of peppers in my life. This is their story.

The hot pepper is not actually a member of the genus Pepper. Chile peppers are actually from the genus Capsicum. The chile was christened "Pepper" by Christopher Columbus around 1492. Columbus thought he had found the plant that produces black pepper (genus Piper Nigrum). At the time black pepper was a prized commodity. Chiles were welcomed with open arms when they were introduced to the European community. It allowed for an alternative spice and was much easier to grow than true black pepper.

One of the earliest traces of chile peppers dates back about 8,000 years (+/- 6200 B.C.). Chiles were found in burial sites in Peru. Indian tribes were known to string chiles around their canoes to ward off evils that may lurk in the water. By 1550 chiles had found their way into Asia, China, and the West Indies. Within another 100 years chiles had found their way to all corners of the world.

Today chiles are found virtually everywhere. The majority of peppers are grown and consumed in Mexico and Latin America. New Mexico is the largest producer of chiles in the United States. Major producers include California, Texas, Arizona, and Louisiana. Some of the best hot sauces are produced in Louisiana thanks to the Creole and Cajun cuisines.

Chiles are not only good, they are good for you. They are very low in sodium, contain virtually no calories, and are cholesterol free. Chiles are also high in vitamin A and vitamin C. They contain twice as much vitamin C as citrus fruits. When chiles are dried they lose most of their vitamin C, but the amount of vitamin A increases 100 times! Chiles are also good sources of potassium, folic acid and vitamin E. Chiles have also been said to increase the metabolic rate, may help prevent heart disease and blood clots as well as helping digestion. (For anyone who has eaten many chiles, I don't have to mention their effects on digestion!). Some home remedies including chiles help with stomach ailments, arthritis, bronchitis, epilepsy, malaria, and toothaches. Need help clearing sinuses? Capsaicin is a natural decongestant. Sometimes just smelling a good hot sauce can begin the decongesting process.

Some chile remedies are used to relieve pain. The process starts when the body senses pain when the chilies are eaten. The brain, when sensing this pain, releases endorphins (the body's natural pain killers). When the endorphins kick in, the pain is blocked and a temporary felling of euphoria begins.



The Scoville Scale

In 1912, Wilbur L. Scoville, a pharmacist, devised the first modern technique for measuring a pepper's bite. The measure is still used to this day by spice companies and sauce manufacturers everywhere. In fact, if all known peppers were measured using this technique, their scale of pungency would range from 0 Scoville units, for the bell pepper, to 350,000 units, for the Mexican habanero.

Scoville tried first to measure pungency by studying how pepper extract reacted with other chemicals but concluded that none was sensitive enough to offer readings with any degree of precision. He found that the tongue, on the other hand, was far more sensitive, capable of detecting capsaicin (the chemical in hot peppers that is responsible for their heat) dissolved in a solution a million times its volume; no laboratory test could detect such a low concentration.

Of course, this brought sneers from his peers. What could be more subjective than the tongue, they questioned. But Scoville was unfazed: "Physiological tests are tabooed in some quarters, yet when the tongue is sensitive to less than a millionth of a grain, it certainly has an advantage."

Scoville's method was simple. He soaked each different variety of pepper separately in alcohol overnight. Because capsaicin is soluble in alcohol, the soaking extracted the pungent chemicals from the pod. Then he took a precise measure of the extract and to it added sweetened water in definite proportions until the mixture is distinct but weak pungency was barely predictable on his tongue. In the case of Japan chiles, it took sweetened water in volumes between 20,000 to 30,000 times the pepper extract before the pungency was barely discernable. He thus rated the Japan chiles 20,000 to 30,000 Scoville Heat Units. Zanzibar chiles were rated 40,000 to 50,000, and Mombasa chiles 50,000 to 100,000.

Scoville's name has since become closely associated with the measure of pungency, but the oral test is now being slowly replaced by a modern machine (High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph) that is as sen-

sitive as the human tongue.

One problem with Scoville's test is that no two tongues ever agreed, so the panelists' estimates had to be averaged. Another problem was that the number of tests a panelist could do in a day was limited. Because the tongue would temporarily get used to a given level of pungency, it had to be given rest to cool down before resuming the task. In an eight hour period, no more than 6 samples could be run through the panel. The machine has now replaced the human testing panel. Thirty samples can now be tested within 8 hours, and accuracy is not a concern. And because

the cost of a pepper is directly related to the pepper's heat, there is less bargaining now that the heat can be tested with predictability.

The American Spice Trade Association, an industry trade group, is a strong proponent of the machine. And the HPLC machine (High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph) measurements are expressed in ASTA units, the acronym of the trade group. But Scoville's name has become so well established that the association has had as much success in making people adopt the scale as the US has in adopting the metric system. The companies that do employ the modern instrument use a conversion scale to express ASTA units in familiar Scoville units. Such is Scoville's legacy.

The Scoville Scale of Hotness of Peppers

100,000-350,000: Habanero; Scotch Bonnet
50,000-100,000: Chiltepin; Cayenne; Tabasco
30,000-50,000: Aji; Piquin; Tabasco
15,000-30,000: de Arbol
5,000-15,000: Serrano; Early jalapeno; Aji Amarillo
2,500-5,000: jalapeno; Mirasol
1,500-2,500: Sandia; cascabel; Yellow Wax Hot
1,000-1,500: Ancho; Pasilla
500-1,000: Anaheim; New Mexican
100-500: Bell; Pimento

The History of the Hot Dog

There is a good deal of disagreement regarding the origin of the Hot Dog. People in Frankfurtum-Main, Germany claim they discovered the Hot Dog in 1487. Others argue, the Sausage sometimes called the Dachsund for it's shape was created in the late 1600's by Johann Georghehner, a butcher from Coburg who is said to have traveled to Frankfurt to promote his product. Others in Vienna, (Wien) Austria claim originating the Hot Dog as they point to the name Wiener as evidence of the Hot Dog's true heritage. In any case it is known that Charles Feltman, a German butcher opened up the first Coney Island Hot Dog stand in 1871. He sold 3,684 Dachsunds in his first year. In 1893 Chris Ahe, the owner of the St. Louis browns started selling Hot Dogs at the Ballpark. In 1901 the phrase Hot Dog was coined. On a cold April day Concessionaire Harry Stevens was losing money, selling Ice Cream and soda. He ordered his salesmen to buy all the long skinny sausages they could find and sell them from portable Hot Water tanks while shouting "get your Red Hot Dachsund sausages while they last." Sports Cartoonist Ted Dorgan could not spell Dachsund so he used the term Hot Dog instead in his strip. Hence the name stuck and is the term we still use today. In 1914 the idea of the Hot Dog bun was born. Anton Feuchtwanger would loan his patrons gloves to handle the Hot little items. When he realized that his customers were little inclined to return the gloves he got together with his Brother in Law, a baker, and hence the concept of the Hot Dog Bun was born. In 1936, Oscar Mayer rolled out the first portable Hot Dog cart, they called it the Wiernemobile and the rest, as they say, is history.



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Advice Columnists

Q: When people need to tell secrets to somebody they usually go to their best friend. I'm no exception. The problem is that in the last few months my friend has been telling my secrets to everyone else! Normally I would disown a friend who does this to me but this is my best friend, and I value her friendship very much. What should I do?

Bob: Beat her ass into the ground. There's no way around it. But since you wanna keep her friendship you'll haveta do it when she's not quite herself. Take her out to Ralph's and get her hammered out of her skull. Then have a good long cat fight. Slam her head into the bar a few times. When you both sober up, just blame it on the booze.

Tyramisu: Sometimes people need to use other people's private information as a way to bring attention to themselves. This usually happens because they don't really have anything exciting happening in their own lives and need to live vicariously through available outlets - you. Take this as a compliment and move on - without this 'friend'. At least you've learned to never break a friend's trust in you.

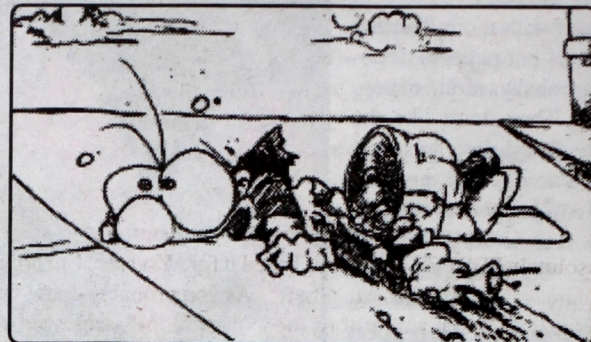
Q: I'm an insane Wolves fan. I have season passes and try to make it to every single game that I can. My girlfriend hates hockey though, and goes the bar every Friday night during the games. I'm afraid that she's sleeping around on me while I'm cheering for the team. Tell me what I can do to figure this out.

Bob: If she hates hockey, then why the hell are you dating her? Trust me, she ain't worth keepin'. Besides if she really cared about you she'd go with you when you ask her to. Kick her butt to the curb and find yourself a fellow fan. At the very least find somebody who'll go when you ask.

Tyramisu: You are being too insecure. Your girlfriend probably thinks the same thing about you. So, instead of enjoying yourselves, you guys are each in a different place worrying about what the other is doing. I suggest you find a common hobby and do that together.

Scraping Roadkill Off the Information Superhighway

by Nick Stewart
Entertainment Editor



Smash Regis!

<http://www.smashregis.com/index.html>

There are so many reasons that Regis Philbin should be squished like a bug, and so few reasons for him not to be. Let's start with So You Wanna Be a Millionaire, one of the most brainless and useless excuses for a gameshow since Bumper Stumpers. I mean, c'mon, when you have earth-shatteringly idiotic questions like "What two colors make up an Oreo cookie?" and "What source of energy are you using if you're using solar power?", you know that there's gotta be something wrong with the world today. And Regis is at the heart of it all. Between Millionaire and Kathie Lee, Mr. Philbin is certainly setting himself up as one of the most Evil Men on the Planet. If you feel the same way, then this site is for you. After a few short essays on the Evils of Regis, there is the main attraction, Smash Regis. The latter is an arcade game in which you drop various objects (Hello Kitty, Kathie Lee, Andre the Giant, a sack of cash and box of Cheezits) on Regis, who is busy doing the Philbin Shuffle back and forth across the bottom of the screen. The more often you nail Regis, the more points you get. It's not nearly as easy as it sounds, and within the next week or so, the high scorer of the week'll get a free Smash Regis t-shirt. It's about time somebody recognizes the Heinousness that is Regis.

The First Presleyterian Church

<http://chelsea.ios.com/~hkarlin1/welcome.html>

Do you find "conventional" religions lacking a certain something? Are the more standard faith practices just not fulfilling that certain spot inside of you, located roughly somewhere around your stomach? If so, then perhaps the First Presleyterian Church is for you, uh huh. This Church believes firmly in following the way of Elvis Presley, and preparing the world for his return. In order to do so, believers must follow the 31 Commandments of Elvis (a list of food which followers must have in their fridge at all times, including peanut butter, cigarettes and Feenamint laxative gum), email U.S. senators to begin construction of Elvis' face on Mount Rushmore, and honor "Nature's Most Perfect Food" (hot-dogs). All of this is explained in great detail, along with weekly sermons from their reverends. If this wasn't enough, there's also a list of Church Pictures, the prescription for living life according to Elvis, and a re-writing of a biblical chapter to conform to the religion ("And after they bestowed their gifts, the three bluesmen gazed upon the baby Elvis, saying, 'Let us give praise for this miraculous babe for, surely, on this day and in this unknown shack in the little town of Tupelo, one is born who will reveal to the world a new way of music, and all the world shall some day proclaim Him King.'"). As a final note, the Church would like to warn the world of the Anti-Elvis, He Who Opposes All Values of the King. Beware the Evil Gloved One.

Index of Famous Monkeys

<http://www.evl.uic.edu/caylor/MONKEY/famousmonkeys.html>

If there's one group of folk who contribute to society without getting the respect that they're due, it's monkeys. I mean, how many monkeys have passed through the social ranks of modern society and still don't get the reverence that they're due? Great Monkeys such as Beppo the Super Monkey, who was discovered to have been hidden in baby Superman's rocket. Or how about Gargantua the Great, one of the most famous creatures to have been featured in the Ringling Brothers Circus? And let us not forget Binks, a monkey who has appeared in countless films such as George of the Jungle, Outbreak, and Ace Ventura, Pet Detective? Yes, the unknown, heroic monkeys number many, and now for the first time ever, are (almost) all listed here, on this website! That's right, you can revere scores of monkeys who are Greater Than You, all from the comfort of your own home! (flying dung not included)

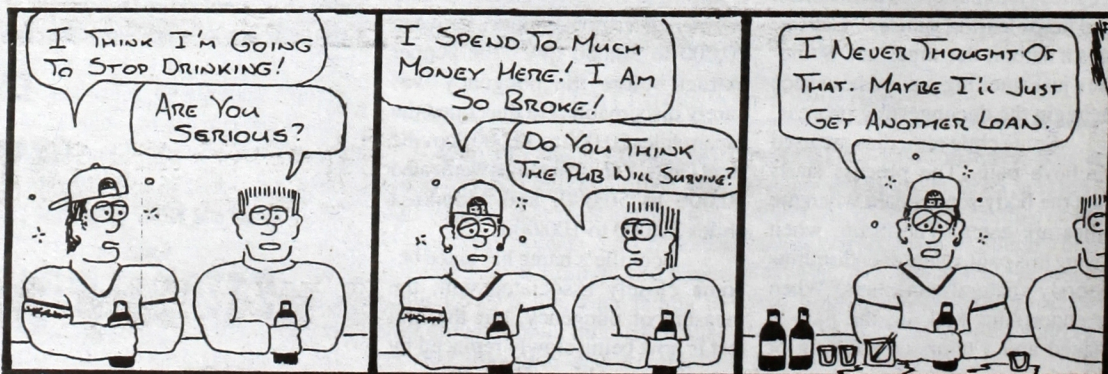
Sanity Test

<http://www.nsu.edu/user/looscean/erin/sanity.html>

Very straightforward. Just click 'yes' or 'no' to each of the 55 questions, which range from "Have you ever played Truth or Dare?" to "Have you yelled at the voices in your head in public?" It's a fair bit of fun, and great to test against your friends. I refuse to divulge my personal score, but let's just say that it's somewhere above 85% insane (yeah, like you couldn't have guessed that much).

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BY MAT THOMPSON



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Psycho Letters From Nick



c/o Lambda's Entertainment Section
Laurentian Mental Hospital
INS ANE

by Nick Stewart
Entertainment Editor

Once in a while, I come across email address of administrative types from places with weird names, like last week's Ocoee (I still have no clue how to pronounce that). Another great example is Garry Nelson, Mayor of the small town of Shafter, California. They really shouldn't leave such email addresses just lying around...

Dear Mayor Nelson,

I have recently noticed your town mentioned in some of the trade literature, and realized that it would be absolutely PERFECT for what I need it for. You see, I'm hoping to film a parody of the classic 70's movie response to James Bond and Bullitt, "Shaft". As you probably know, John Shaft was an African-American private detective, and was (and to many, still is) the icon of "cool", achieving a certain cult status here in North America. I intend to light-heartedly take a poke at this film with a movie of my own, entitled "Shafter". The main character is called Tom Shafter, and, instead of being a private detective (or "dick" as they are known in slang), he is a private chiropractor / vigilante, who aids people in recuperating from crippling injuries while ridding the city of crime. As I mentioned, this will be a parody of the original "Shaft", so there will obviously be a strong comedic edge to the whole movie. For example, Shafter will use the same chiropractic techniques he employs to help people, to cause chiropractic INJURY to the criminals. At any rate, I was wondering if we could use Shafter (your town) to film my movie in. By the end of the thing, Shafter (the character) becomes the mayor of the city that he lives in, changing the name of the town to (you guessed it) Shafter!

As I mentioned, your town would be perfect for the movie, for obvious reasons. Also, we would need use of your mayoral office for the movie's final scenes (and to mock the presidential scandal, he's going to be caught having sex with a City Hall intern on his...your desk). If you wish, we could even give you a role, seeing as how casting has not yet begun. I would appreciate it if you would consider this whole proposal. I believe that it would be mutually beneficial, both for "Shafter" the movie, and for Shafter the town. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Stewart

I don't know what sort of industries Shafter has working for it, but obviously they're not doing too well...

Mr. Stewart,

We would very much be open to the possibility of filming a major motion picture within city limits, although we will have to further discuss the plot details. Please contact us as soon as possible with more in-depth information, and we shall run it through the next city council meeting for discussion.

Mayor Garry Nelson

This is great! All I need now is a script, a crew, several million dollars, a way down to California, oh yeah, and a major motion picture studio to back my project. No problem.

More Deaths of Stupid People

(March 1995, Michigan) James Burns, 34, of Alamo, Michigan, was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police described as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns' clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped in the drive shaft."

(25 May 1999, Ukraine) A fisherman in Kiev electrocuted himself while fishing in the river Tereblya. The 43-year-old man connected cables to the main power supply of his home, and trailed the end into the river. The electric shock killed the fish, which floated belly-up to the top of the water. The man waded in to collect

his catch, neglecting to remove the live wire, and tragically suffered the same fate as the fish.

In an ironic twist, the man was fishing for a mourning meal to commemorate the first anniversary of his mother-in-law's death.

(10 August 1999) A man in a diabetic shock swerved off Route 2 in Lincoln, Massachusetts. His car plowed through a telephone pole and impacted a tree, where it burst into flames. Onlookers took him for dead, and were shocked to see him walk away from the crash unhurt. However, when he looked back and noticed that his car was on fire, he tried to put it out and electrocuted himself on one of the high voltage power lines that had fallen when he hit the telephone pole.

(Zambia, 1992) A solo fishing expedition near Livingstone in Zambia turned into a tragedy when 28 year old Harris Simwaba was choked to death by a live fish which accidentally slid and lodged itself into his throat. Simwaba hooked the fish from the Chungu River 16km east of Livingstone, the Zambian media reported yesterday. When he tried to bite the fish to death it slid down his throat. Simwaba tried to hook out the fish with a stick, but he pushed it further down his throat instead. Villagers going to their fields on Sunday morning found his body sprawled on the ground with a stick dangling from his mouth. The fish came out when one of the villagers pulled the stick out of Simwaba's mouth.

Quotes From Beautiful People

"Everyone should have enough money to get plastic surgery."

-Beverly Johnson

"Everywhere I went, my cleavage followed. But, I learned I am not my cleavage."

-Carole Mallory

"Because modeling is lucrative, I am able to save up and be more particular about the acting roles I take."

-Kathy Ireland, star of 'Alien From L.A.', and 'Danger Island'

Skewed News

by Nick Stewart
Entertainment Editor

Sudbury Mayor Declares "Kill The Ozone" Day

Earthwatch scientists around the globe announced last week that the world's temperature is in fact getting warmer, partially due to the increasing amount of holes in the ozone, and partially due to the large amount of hot air being expelled from Lucien Bouchard's lungs. While they have nothing extra technical to offer on the topic of Bouchard other than he is a traitorous blowhard who should die a terrible, terrible death, the scientists have announced that the spots of ozone that have disappeared have in fact been found. It turns out that all the errant ozone spots are hanging out in the area of atmosphere which is directly overtop of Sudbury. The incredibly thick layer of ozone, filtering out too much sunlight than is normal, would explain the incredibly cold temperatures that have been plaguing the area, they continued.

To solve this crisis, Sudbury Mayor Jim Gordohn has declared a city-wide "Kill The Ozone" day. On that day, all Sudbury citizens will be heavily encouraged to park their cars on the street, with the engine running so as to expel as much exhaust as possible. Also, Sudburians are urged to walk around the city, spraying as many cans of Lysol into the air as they can. "Citizens with especially good community spirit will carry around at least two", commented His Aerodynamicity.

Members of the environmentalist community are up in arms over the new declaration, claiming that the plan to warm the city is unethical and offensive. His Politically Uncorrectness responded by suggesting that maybe the environmentalists will get a lot warmer if they burn trees instead of hugging them. Despite the fact that the Mayor was then devoured by a passing pack of rabid squirrels, "Kill The Ozone" Day is still expected to take place.

Planet Hollywood Pulled From Bankruptcy

Almost a year after declaring bankruptcy, Planet Hollywood was recently decreed "fit to be run" by California Judge Marty Floggerton. It was not without an uphill battle, however. In order to get the okay from the Californian Ministry of Overpriced Restaurants, the owners of the popular restaurant chain (mostly comprised of big-name movie stars such as Sylvester Stallone, Demi Moore, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and other various celebrities that wouldn't eat their own food if their non-existent careers depended on it) were made to comply to a small list of demands made by the people of California. Items on this list include, but are not restricted to, "ensuring that Regis and Kathie Lee will be crushed to death by an 80-pound thistle and the World's Largest Garden Weasel, respectively", "banishing Whoopi Goldberg and Billy Crystal to the Seventh Plane of Hell so they will never be able to host any kind of Oscar ceremony ever again" and "surgically graft Joel Schumacher's head to Adam West and have his hands cut off so he can simultaneously see what he's turned the Batman series into while being unable to lay his blasphemous hands on any more movies".

Planet Hollywood is expected to open their doors within the next month or two, after which people can fully expect to receive interesting food for interesting prices.

Twisted Survey

Given the choice, would you rather be crushed to death by an 80-pound thistle or the world's biggest Garden Weasel?

Of fifteen people asked:

Crushed to death by an 80-pound thistle: 15 (100%)

Crushed to death by the world's biggest Garden Weasel: 0 (0%)

Analysis: Apparently people figure that being squished by a garden tool is a much worse fate than being destroyed by something you'd find in the garden. I don't know if any of the people who answered this thing have ever been stuck with a thistle, but it's a literally a pain in the butt. Just multiply that by about a million, and you've got the general idea of what it's like to be squished by an 80-pound thistle. I'd stick with the tool of Informercially Goodness.

Next Week's Question:

Given the choice, would you rather have to wear your intestines as a hat, or have your buttocks temporarily migrate to the back of your head and back every twelve hours?

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New CDs & DVDs

Reviews by Mat Thompson, DVD Reviewer

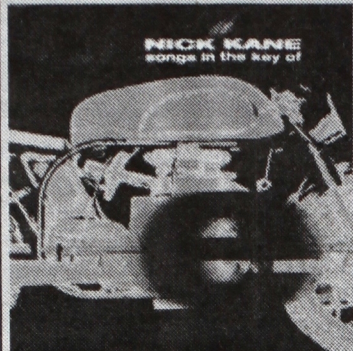


DJ Rap - Learning Curve

Listed as one of *Maxim Magazine's* "Girlfriends You Want", former rave DJ, **DJ Rap** has now released her first techno/dance CD. A lot of people have been upset that **DJ Rap** sold out by leaving the NY DJ scene to make an album, but **DJ Rap** has basically stated "F*** them". I'd say the same thing if I got a record deal.

Learning Curve is one of the best dance albums I have heard for a while. Instead of being just a pretty face, **DJ Rap** knows the music and creates what she knows the people want. The first two tracks on the album *Bad Girl* and *Good To Be Alive* have already hit the bar scene and they blow away the other pop/dance crap we have all gotten used to.

The best way to explain this album is a great bridge between the rave scene and the pop/dance bar scene. There are some totally techno tracks on the album while others are more mainstream dance, but no matter what song you listen to, there is that something extra in **DJ Rap's** sound that most albums are missing today. Check this one out!

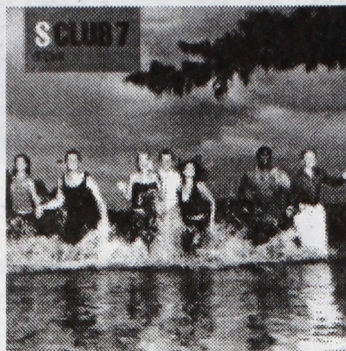


Nick Kane - Song In The Key of E

Anyone out there ever heard of **Nick Kane**? Well, if your mother and father are related by more than marriage and you come from a city with a name like Backwoods or Hagersville then you probably know **Nick Kane** as one of the members of the popular country (gasp!) group **The Mavericks**.

Songs in the Key of E is Kane's first solo attempt after years of touring with **The Mavericks** and he does a pretty fair job on the album. The whole album is your typical rockabilly style guitar music with nine original songs and four covers. The major problem I have with this album has to be that there are no singers. Sometimes there is a background vocalist, but all in all the album is an instrumental, totally backwoods hick, moonshine drinking, **Dukes of Hazard** watching CD.

All I can say good about the album is that **Nick Kane** is an amazing guitar player, and past that, there is nothing else to say except that there has to be a good CD on this page somewhere, check it out instead!

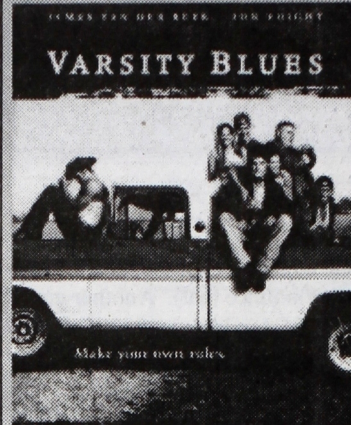


S Club 7 - S Club

Picture what would happen if **Britney Spears**, **Christina Aguilera** and the **Backstreet Boys** decided to start their own gang. Would they be a bunch of bad-asses or would they become a bubble-gum pop group? If they became the latter, they would probably become the exact same group as the Brit-cheese band **S Club 7**.

So where did these guys come from? All of a sudden this group of Brits showed up on their own television series on *MuchMusic* and their own album at the same time. According to my friend in England, **S Club 7** is the most annoying thing around, but if you are into the pop, bubble gum scene you may actually like the group. Their songs are reminiscent of the **Mini-Pops** and their talent only goes so far, but you have to give them credit for trying.

The two singles that are supposedly shooting up the charts are *S Club Party* and *Bring It All Back*, but don't expect to see them on any awards shows any time soon. Not too bad of an album, cute girls, and a lot of bopping.... woo hoo.



Varsity Blues

Paramount DVD
Approx. Price - \$27.99
DVD Rating - 2 / 5

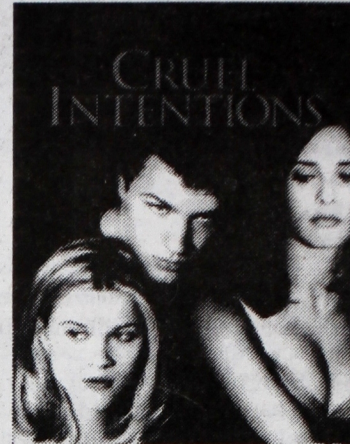
Now I love this movie, and it was one of the first movies I purchased when I got my DVD player, but I was a little put out by the content on the disc. For such a big football movie, you would expect this disc to be packed with extra features, out-takes and so much football related stuff that your testosterone level would go up just by holding the DVD. The problem is that isn't the case.

The *Varsity Blues* DVD only features your basic DVD function of alternate languages, scene selection and widescreen or flat format. There are no out-takes which I am sure would have been great to see, and there are no missing scenes, although we know they are out there somewhere. Sure every movie has a few scenes removed to make the movie a certain length, but *Varsity Blues* has a whole bunch.

If you watch the theatrical trailer on this disc, over half the scenes shown are not in the movie. There is more scenes in the strip club with Billy-Bob and his teacher, a sex scene with Mox and his girlfriend in the woods and more footage from the pep-rally. For those of you who liked this movie as much as I do, this trailer makes you want to see all these scenes added into the movie. So what do they do? Nothing. They leave all these scenes out and the movie is the same. The only way to see these scenes is in the preview, which sucks!

One positive about *Varsity Blues* on DVD is that if you are a big football fan you can jump directly to the football scenes and skip right by the god-awful acting by **James Van Der Beek**. Sure, you can also jump right to the other two cool scenes (the whipped cream bikini and *Callin' Some Dinosaurs*) but it's the football we want to watch... right?

So is this DVD actually worth the money you will pay for it? Only if you really like the movie and are willing to pay for just the movie, and no real extra features. I myself love this movie, but I still can't give the DVD more than a 2 out of 5 for overall content.



Cruel Intentions - Collectors Edition

Columbia Tri-Star DVD Video
Approx. Price \$28.99
DVD Rating - 5 / 5

For those of you who remember, I panned this movie last year stating it was the worst piece of crap I had ever seen. Well, I have to admit that I was wrong. I still don't believe the love between **Ryan Phillippe** and **Reese Witherspoon**, but overall the movie is a quite entertaining rendition of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*.

Of course almost every movie that comes out on DVD today is either a "special" or "collectors" edition, including this one. The difference between the normal and collectors editions isn't usually much, but *Cruel Intentions* takes advantage of all the extra room on the DVD and packs it full of interesting stuff.

Like usual, there are the widescreen and flat formats, production notes, talent and filmographies and the theatrical trailer, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. The filmmakers audio commentary is extremely interesting since this was **Roger Kumble's** first Hollywood directing job and he has some pretty strange views on how certain scenes should have been filmed. Kumble also filmed intros to all the deleted scenes explaining why they had to be removed or re-filmed. The deleted scenes are great since **Ryan Phillippe's** character is an even bigger bastard than you see in the movie. The deleted scenes would have been great back into the movie, but since they are rough cuts, the movie would not have looked as good as it does.

The disc also features a featurette called "Finding a Visual Style" which goes into creating this version of the classic tale, and another feature of the *Making Of Cruel Intentions*. Both these features are extremely interesting for anyone interested in the behind the scenes creation of a major motion picture. And if all that wasn't enough, there are also two music videos by **Placebo** and **Marcy Playground** featuring music and scenes from the movie.

Unlike many of the DVDs out there today, *Cruel Intentions* has actually taken advantage of the whole DVD giving movie buffs so much to play with. Sure, the movie may be a little strange at first, but after seeing the deleted scenes and hearing from the director you will have a new respect for *Cruel Intentions*. This DVD is definitely worth the price you will pay.



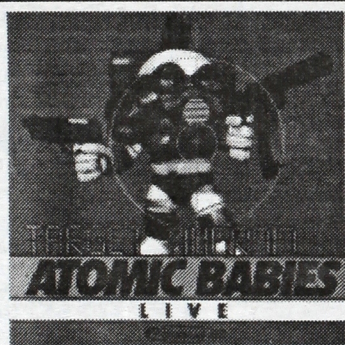
The Zombies - Absolutely The Best

I know, this isn't the usual university style album, but I guess since retro is popular today, maybe this is too. The only songs on the album I actually know are *She's Not There* and *Time of the Season* and the other fourteen tracks are lost on me.

Now I like **The Beatles** and the **Rolling Stones**, but **The Zombies** are just too mellow and white bred. The music is very boring, kind of like a very slow motion drug trip. Actually, this album would be perfect if you wanted to get to sleep and you didn't have anything to mellow you out.

I guess **The Zombies** were big in their day, but they are now just another victim of the generation gap. Actually, they have fallen so far down the gap that if it wasn't for this album, no one would have really remembered these guys.

I think the only good use for this album is either a gift for your baby-boom parents or as a coaster to stop your beer from leaving rings on your coffee-table.

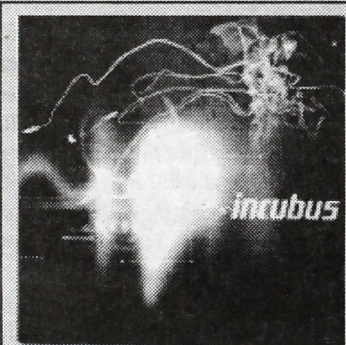


Atomic Babies Live - Target Android

Looking for a total techno album? Well, you've come to the right place. We have driving beats, strange mixes, techno sounds and it's all here for you, jammed into one album. How much would you expect to pay for all this? \$39.99...no. You can get all this, plus a funky designer plastic CD case at no extra charge. All you have to get this amazing deal is to go down to your local music store and ask for **Atomic Babies Live**.

Atomic Babies Live is yet again another pure techno album that can be described as a Rave On CD. Actually, I would have to say that the beats on this album are a little slower than your typical rave, so **Atomic Babies** would be more of a 'training rave' album. There are 19 tracks all with their own names, but each one sounds the same as the next and there is no break between tracks. All in all, the album is a one hour long techno track.

I have heard a lot of better techno albums, but **Atomic Babies** is still pretty good. And the whole live thing... I think it is just a catchy name since this doesn't seem live at all!



Incubus - Make Yourself

Now I have never heard of these guys, but a few of my friends were asking me if I had received it yet, so I figured I would give it a shot. The thing about **Incubus** is that each song differs from the next and the overall style is hard to pin down.

In some songs they sound like a soft **Metallica**, then they delve into a more alternative edge like *Our Lady Peace*, and sometimes there is a bit of a pop-rock edge. The only constant throughout the whole thing is the lead vocals which are reminiscent of **See Spot Run**. Have I confused you yet? Even though the album jumps around, it's a good album. The band has the talent and power to pull off each style and the whole album actually flows pretty well considering.

So who are **Incubus**? I don't know but they made a pretty good impression on me with this album and I would recommend people checking it out. It is usually a little risky these days buying unknown albums, but *Make Yourself* by **Incubus** is a safe bet. Check it out.

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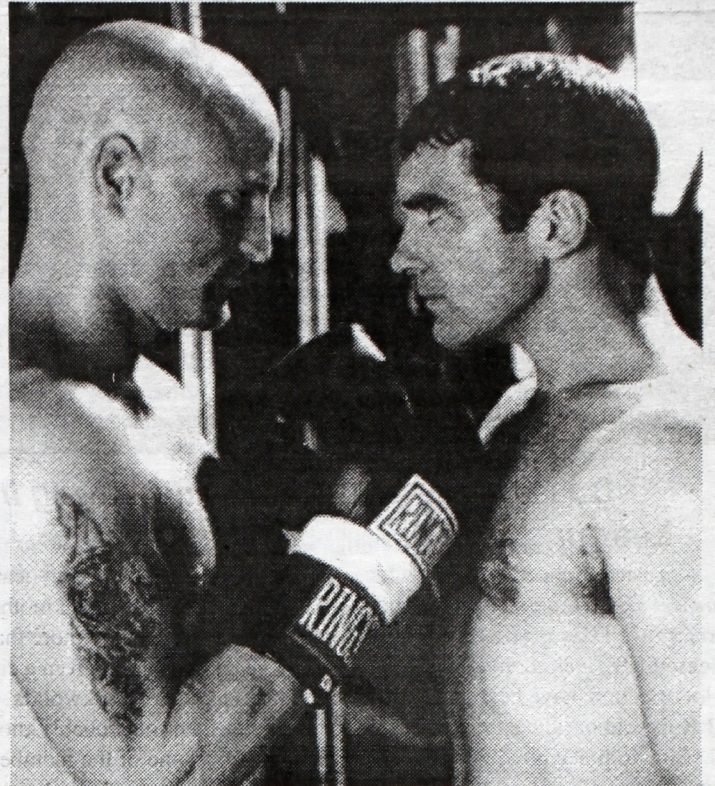
Play It To the Bone

by Brian Alberton
Contributor

It's the day of another big Tyson fight. People from over a hundred and thirty countries from around the world will be watching. That morning, potential disaster strikes when not one but both fighters from the welterweight undercard match become unable to fight (one getting into a fatal car accident and the other suffering an overdose). In desperation, the fight promoter gets two past-their-prime boxers from Los Angeles to fill in the card. The fighters are to get \$50,000, and after a bit of negotiating, they agree that the winner is to get a title shot within 6 months. The catch: the boxers have to get from LA to Vegas by that night, and they also just happen to be best friends who've never faced each other in the ring. If that's not enough of a twist for you, the only way for them to get there on time is to have a mutual ex-girlfriend, whom they both still love and who deep down still loves them, drive them there. This is the basic premise of ****'s newest movie, *Play it to the Bone*. One of the friends, Vince Boudreau (Woody Harrelson) is a devout Christian who claims to have found, and keep finding, Jesus. The other half of

the duo, Cesar Dominguez (Antonio Banderas), lacks experience, so he mimics other boxers' habits in hope to finding some secret to success (and in this he apparently has NO limits). Both actors have had much more challenging roles in their careers, but this isn't much of a serious movie, and did a great job for what was required of them. The majority of *Play it to the Bone* takes place on the road to Sin City. Since this is the biggest opportunity either boxer has had in years, they take this time to battle the demons from their past, the reasons why they're nobodies. Vince was the victim of a bum decision of a title fight he clearly won, while Cesar was accused of taking a dive when he lost his concentration for half a second during a fight in Madison Square Gardens. In the eyes of the boxing world, they both came out losers, and now they have the chance to prove everybody wrong. They're just not sure if they can. The actual fight was terrific. Despite the obvious ending and the constant, overdramatic nine-count for every single knockdown, the action was gritty and the between-round hallucinations of the fighters

were hilarious. One second you're cringing from the close-up of a blow to the head, and the next you're laughing at Vince and Cesar's ridiculous visions. The female roles were pretty weak, neither one of them adding much, if anything, to the plot or the fun. The ex-girlfriend, Grace (Lolita Davidovich), was a confusing character to me. She's an admitted gold-digger yet hangs out with these two penniless nobodies, unwittingly messes with Cesar's head during a better part of the road trip to Vegas, and despite the fact that she's obviously still in love to some degree with each man, plays them against each other up until the fight. All that and she invents things a five-year old would be ashamed to think up (a periscope for watching TV in bed??). About the only purpose she served was one more thing for Vince and Cesar to fight over before the fight. The other lady in this flick was Lia (Lucy Liu), a bratty, slutty, opportunistic hitchhiker the trio picks up along the way. She ends up causing so much trouble that it doesn't take long for her to take a shot to the teeth, and a subsequent leave of absence



from the car trip, giving her all of fifteen minutes of pointless screentime. The rest of the supporting cast does a great job. Tom Sizemore (*Saving Private Ryan*) and Robert Wagner (*Austin Powers*) play the fight promoter and the owner of the Mandalay Bay (the Vegas hotel/casino where the fight takes place) respectively. Together they give a comedic, though probably not far off-base, look at the behind-the-scenes, stab-you-in-the-back world of boxing. Also keep an eye out during the big fight for tons of cameos, among them Drew Carey, Kevin Costner, Rod Stewart, and

James Woods. Critics are looking down their noses at *Play it to the Bone*. For some reason most of them were expecting some sort of self-discovery/revelation/personal epiphany or some other fool thing by either Cesar or Vince. They seem to have failed to notice what kind of movie they were watching. It's a buddy/comedy boxing movie. Philosophical overtones need not apply. This was supposed to be a fun movie to watch, and it was that. If you're looking for something to watch that's easy on the brain, but not mindless or stupid, don't miss *Play it to the Bone*.

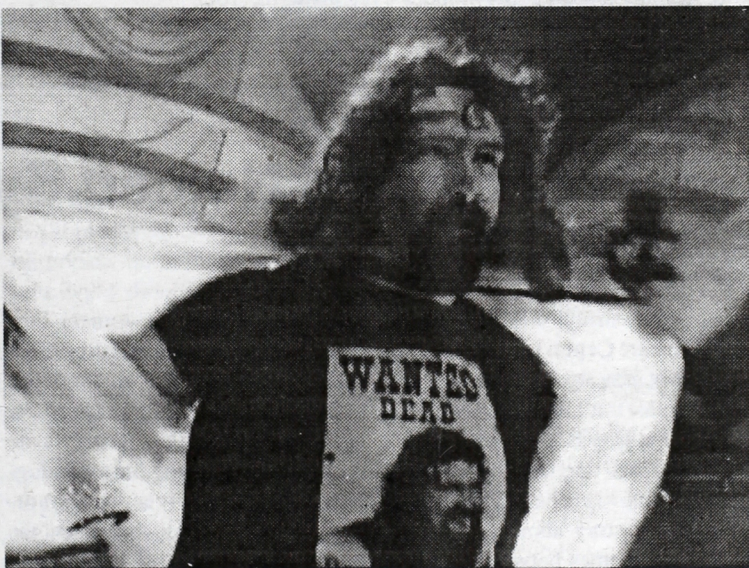
Trash Talk

by Chris Newman
Asst. A&E. Editor

Just for a moment, let's pretend that Raw never took place. Ignore everything that you saw on Monday night and all plot developments that occurred (this will be easier for me, considering that I haven't actually seen Raw). If the phenomenon of professional wrestling ceased to exist as of Monday morning, I'd look back on it with nothing but good things to say. Why? Because the events of the Royal Rumble have placed WWF in a state of pure perfection. Whenever I come back from the bar after watching a PPV, my dad always wonders why I go in the first place. I almost always bitch about the results; especially when the Undertaker or Stone Cold win matches. But the creative teams at WWF must have finally read my letters and made every result the way I wanted it to happen.

Ok, I admit that I predicted a Cactus Jack victory, but you must understand that I didn't WANT that to happen, I just thought that it would. So I admit that I may have been mistaken on that one. But who could have really predicted that The Game would pull off a victory against Foley? I can guaran-damn-tee that no one will bet against HHH after that victory, though. That was a truly brutal match. Mick's lucky he didn't get a tack in the eye, or worse!

But there was even more to the Rumble that made me intensely happy. And here they are: Taz makes his debut, and fails to beat Kurt Angle fairly. Jeff Hardy landing a Senton Bomb on Devon Dudley off the rafters and through a table. Not being in



the room when Mae Young bared all. Madison Square Garden being renamed Madison Square JERICHO!!! The Outlaws keeping the titles so that Too Cool can take it from them. Rakishi and Too Cool bringing the Rumble Match to a halt with a dance number. The repeated replays of Taka's head bouncing off the floor after being eliminated and needing medical attention. X-Pac eliminating Kane. And finally, I'm glad that The Rock actually managed to get past Crash Holly and Headbanger Mosh, and went on to win the Rumble Match. These events alone have brought WWF even farther ahead in the war against WCW. I enjoyed Souled Out, but in retrospect, it was pathetic compared to the Royal Rumble.

And if it weren't bad enough, what in the world was WCW thinking when they fired Benoit, Saturn and Deano-Machino Melenko?

These guys were the best wrestlers in the company, and now WWF's sure to grab them and make them a hundred times bigger than they ever were in Turnerland. I'm beginning to think that Russo is still in leagues with WWF and was instructed to make the place suck and to free up all of the talent for WWF. How else can we explain the pathetic state of WCW and the fact that he hired Ahmed Johnson, who's notorious for injuring everyone he touches. "I have a good idea", Russo exclaims, "Let's put him in against Booker T. He's just the only hope our company has for surviving." Some decisions are hard to get your head around.

Well, I'm done. Send your comments to lambdaisnewman@hotmail.com and I may just print them. Oh, and remember, never throw tacks on the ground if there's a chance your head might land in them.

Your Weekly Lambda Horoscope

Psychic Sally
Staff Writer

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18

Short on cash? Clean up your personal space. Not only will you feel better, your junk may be worth something.

PISCES February 19 - March 20

Don't feel as though you're accomplishing what you wanted to? Take a look at what's been holding you back and then decide what you need to do.

ARIES March 21 - April 19

An old flame could share the same feelings for you which you feel. Take a chance!

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Mid winter blahs got ya? Try eating lots and lots of chocolate.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Plagued by doubt in a relationship? Go, ahead, ask them. You've got nothing to lose.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

A change in pace could do you good. This new state of mind could be the one you've been searching for.

LEO July 23 - August 22

The stars are shining brightly for you this month. Kick back and have some fun!

VIRGO August 23 - September 22

A friend will be acting odd, pay no attention, the trouble will ride itself out.

SCORPIO October 23 - November 21

Over indulgence got to you over the holidays? Hit the dance floor to get rid of those extra pounds.

SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21

A friend may be looking at you through a new pair of eyes. How do you feel about it?

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19

If you aren't doing something you love, you are never going to be happy.

Recipes for the Overstressed Student

by Heidi Ulrichsen
Contributor

When I was ten years old, I decided that I wanted to become a really good cook. I'm not sure where this urge came from, as most kids my age were interested in the New Kids on the Block and the Ninja Turtles, and not recipes. One of my earliest concoctions were a batch of rock-hard cookies that took me three hours to make, and resulted in flour and cookie batter being liberally spread over most of the surfaces of the kitchen. Fortunately, my cooking expertise has been substantially improved by trial and error over the past nine years.

The two recipes which I am going to share with you have been adapted from a few of my favorite cookbooks. The recipes are nutritious, cheap, delicious, and easy to prepare, and are possible to try out regardless if you are living at home or in residence. Good luck!

Spiffy Spanish Rice

1 cup of chopped onions
1/2 cup of sweet peppers
1 clove of garlic or 1/2 teaspoon of garlic salt
2-1/2 cups water
1 cup rice
1 cup of salsa (any heat)
1/2 teaspoon of chili powder and cumin
1/4 teaspoon of salt and black pepper

Spray a saucepan with non-stick spray. Fry onions, pepper, and garlic until softened in saucepan. Add remaining ingredients and cook over medium heat for 30 minutes until rice is cooked.

Spicy Potato Wedges

4 potatoes, unpeeled and scrubbed
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1/4 teaspoon each of paprika, black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, oregano, and thyme
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cut the potatoes into wedges. Put the potatoes into a mixing bowl, add oil and all spices, and toss well. Transfer potatoes to a baking sheet and bake for 25 - 30 minutes until tender.

Arts & Entertainment Laurentian Writer's Spotlight

The Laurentian Writer's Spotlight is the collaborative effort of Lambda's Arts section and the English Arts Club to bring student poetry back to the pages of Lambda. The Spotlight is not a contest, and will feature Laurentian students who wish to be recognized.

Laura Sutherland

Hi, my name is Laura Sutherland and I am a second year student here at Laurentian. I am enrolled in the science program and am an aspiring high school teacher. The following is a short story of sorts that I wrote in high school. It's about the first person I ever fell in love with and how he broke my heart. Yes, I realize it has been done, but this had to be written.

Do you remember the way things were?

I remember the way things used to be, once upon a time when I was in love with you. I remember all the little things, all the little things that made you important to me. I remember the heat, warm enough that when I laughed, my face flushed, and how close you were to me. I could touch you, I wanted to, I could feel you beside me, sharing the warmth.

I remember being outside with you, in the tall trees and the earth and the sky. I remember the sensation in the pit of my stomach, the sheer excitement, the moments of anticipation - how the sun shone off your face and your eyes lit up and I sat, mesmerized by your beauty, the sun shining on me too. The churning in my stomach, the oxygen burning my lungs, my head giddy as the world reeled away from me in ecstasy, the delusions swallowing me whole. The sheer intentionality of my being there and you being there was overwhelming and delicious and I could taste it in the air I breathed.

I remember how you blew through my window at night in the spring. I could feel you there in the rich humus smells of the swamp melting, a rich, dark, sweet smell and I swear you were there. You invaded my subconscious, my waking thoughts, my expiring breaths, you were my everything.

I remember the idle hours I spent watching you, seeing you with my mind's eye, invading your thoughts with my hazy aura. I remember how good and

pure and gentle you looked to me. I remember how you looked under the neon lights, I remember how beautiful you looked in the sunset, like a mythical creature out of a fairy tale. I remember what you looked like after a couple shots of rye, how you looked in the firelight, so handsome, vulnerable, so captivating. I remember how desperately I wanted to touch you, to feel you in my arms, but I dared not.

I remember in these days, I fell in love for the first time, with you. I remember how you made my world turn, and how once you told me you loved me, but I think you were kidding.

I remember the first time you kissed me, under the stars, and how you held me. I remember your touch, your caress, how you held me when you made love to me. I was drunk in your hands, high on your body, I was in love with you.

Do you remember looking into my eyes and seeing it? Do you remember how badly you hurt me? I remember that feeling too, it spread like a violent flaming gangrene from my swollen, rotting intestines to my brittle dry bones, choking me, gagging me, rendering me helpless.

I remember you couldn't tell me you loved me back. I remember the way things were, once upon a time, when I was in love with you.

A Dog Named Sylvia

by Jana Laframboise
Staff Writer

The current play at the Sudbury Theatre Centre is a play about a dog. Not just any dog, but a feisty wild female mutt named Sylvia. Although the play is a comedy about a man and his dog, the play is not stupidly funny as one might suspect. It is a real story about a real man whose pet comes between him and his wife. It can be enjoyed by many kinds of people (except children), and it would be a great first play. The play, written by A R Gurney and directed by Jim Guedo, takes place in New York. Gurney was born in 1930 in Buffalo, New York. His latest play is *Far East* done in 1998 and he has won numerous awards as a playwright.

The play is about Greg, a man in mid-life crisis who hates his job and hates his boss even more; Sylvia, the mutt he finds in the park; and Greg's wife Kate, who hates Sylvia and would do anything to get rid of her.

When I first heard about the play, my question was, what would they use for a dog? A real dog wouldn't fit in a play, but neither would a man dressed up as one. When I finally saw the play I was not only surprised to see a human, but I was

also surprised to see a woman. Furthermore, the woman was dressed in human clothing! The performance of Sylvia by Bridget Ryan (*Problem Child*) is incredible. There is no barking, tail wagging, or other dog-only behavior. Sylvia does not really act like a dog, but does the human equivalent of what a dog would do in any situation. Let me give you an example. Instead of barking she yells "Hey! Hey, hey!" And when she goes for grooming, she comes out in a luxurious, and human, evening gown. She speaks to her owners in English, but when it comes down to it, she is all dog. If you own a dog you will understand the frustration of Kate when Sylvia jumps on the couch as soon as the owners leave.

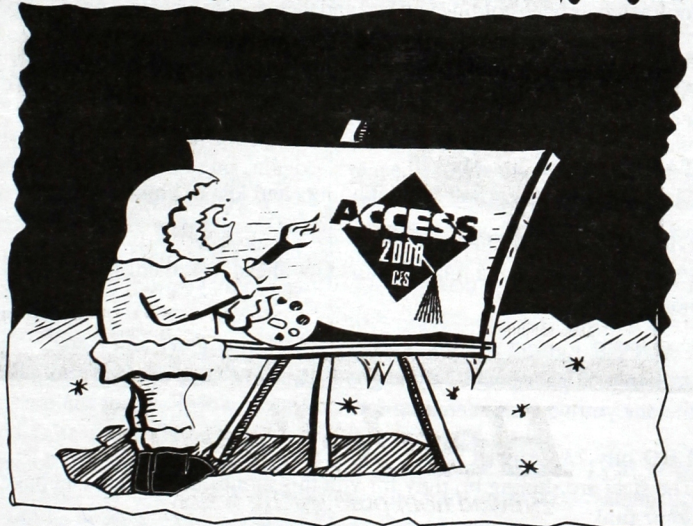
The performances of the other characters, Greg, Kate, Tom, Phyllis, and Leslie, are also great. Greg, played by Stephen Fielding (*A Christmas Carol*), is the new owner of Sylvia. Greg finds Sylvia in the park at the beginning of the play and takes her home with him. Greg is in mid-life crisis and his wife believes that the crisis is the reason for Sylvia. Kate, Greg's wife, played by Christine MacInnis (*Problem Child*),

does not want a dog in her life. She claims to enjoy dogs, but really only does when they belong to other people. Tom, another man with a dog who Greg talks to in the park; Phyllis, one of Kate's many friends who Sylvia scares away; Leslie, the family psychiatrist driven crazy by Greg's behavior; are all played by Keith Jones (*The Complete Works of William Shakespear (abridged)*). Jones does a great job at all three roles. His characters are all strangely funny.

In addition to Sylvia, the play about a dog, the work of Suzanne McCrae will be displayed in the Sudbury Theatre Centre lobby until February 18th. Her work focuses on dogs, usually in their natural environment.

Sylvia runs until February 3rd. On the 5th Celebrities Making a Scene starts at 8pm with Jean Watters, Rob O'Flanagan, Mayes, and Mel among other well known names. On the 24th George F. Walker's *Criminal Genius* starts. Walker is the playwright of *Suburban Motel*, a collection of four plays. One of the plays, *Problem Child*, was performed by the Sudbury Theatre Centre last year. For tickets call the Box office at 674-8381.

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Volleyball Vees Wipe the Court with Ryerson

by Mat Thompson
Editor-In-Chief

This past weekend the Laurentian Voyageurs Men's Volleyball team made quick work of the Ryerson Rams slaughtering them three games to none. Ryerson was no match for the Voyageurs as Laurentian pulled off 25-17, 31-29 and 25-20 wins. Although the final outcome of the games seem locked, all the games were very close as the Rams tried their hardest to take our Voyageurs down. The second game proved the toughest, but Laurentian pulled through.

The player of the game for the Vees was setter Gordon Nicholl who was inserted into the line up and played a solid game in all aspects. Head coach Kit Lefroy exclaimed that Gordon was "running a great offense and motivating the team" throughout.

The next test for the Vees will be this Friday, January 28 when the Vees visit the U of T Varsity Blues.

OUA's Men's Volleyball

Queens and Western Remain in First Place After Week Off

After a slow week in Men's Volleyball that saw only five matches in total, there was little change to any

of the standings. The Ryerson Rams lost both of their games in the east, one to Toronto and the other to Laurentian, while the Waterloo Warriors played twice in the West division. The Warriors solidified their second place spot, with victories over Guelph Gryphons and the Laurier Golden Hawks. The schedule picks back up this week with the division leaders back in action.

OUA's Women's Volleyball

No change in East division standings as teams enjoy a light schedule-01-24-00

There were only two matches scheduled for this week in the east division as some teams got a much-appreciated week off. The division leading Toronto Varsity Blues defeated the Queens Golden Gaels while the York Yeowomen defeated the Ryerson Rams in the other match of the week. Toronto remains in first place four points ahead of York Yeowomen.

Western Remains in First, Guelph Moves into Sole Possession of Second Spot

The West division also had a light schedule this week, and the division leading Western Mustangs had a week off. The Guelph Gryphons made full use of their two scheduled matches, winning both of them and moving into sole possession of second place. The McMaster Marauders although they defeated the Brock Badgers fell two points behind Guelph and into third place. The Laurier Golden Hawks kept pace with the Marauders by defeating the Waterloo Warriors, the Hawks remain two points out of third position.

OUA Standings For Men's Volleyball (as of January 24, 2000)

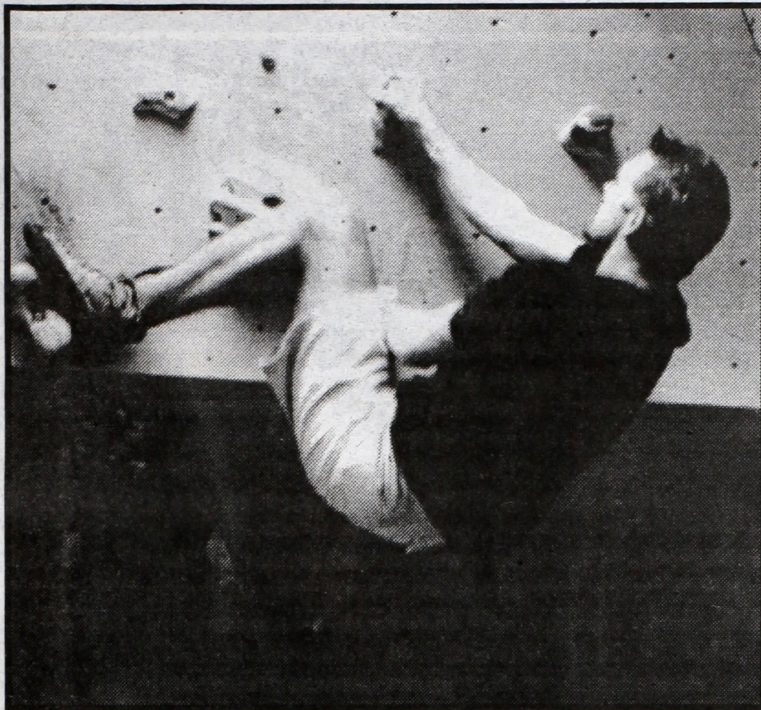
School	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
East Division					
Queens	7	7	0	0	14
Toronto	8	5	3	0	10
York	8	4	4	0	8
Laurentian	8	3	5	0	6
Ryerson	9	1	8	0	2
West Division					
Western	10	9	1	0	18
Waterloo	12	8	4	0	16
McMaster	11	5	6	0	10
Guelph	12	5	7	0	10
Laurier	12	4	8	0	8
Windsor	13	4	9	0	8

Laurentian's Bouldering Room A Big Success

Laurentian University's new Bouldering Room has been open since Nov. 5, 1999 and is providing excellent challenges for all who use it. It has provided many students, faculty and the Sudbury public with a place to get away from the ordinary life and into a life of adventure, exercise and fun.

On November 5, 1999, the room was opened to the public. The Vice President of Anglophone Academic Affairs, Dr. Doug Parker, was there in his suit, tie and climbing shoes to cut the ribbon and officially open the room to the public. It was a relief for many who had been working so hard building the room to finally see it open. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to paint the room, put the holds up and to all of the little things that have made the room such a success. A special thanks goes to both Amanda Fawkes and Guy Audette who's hard work has and will be appreciated by all users for years to come. Without them, there would be no room for people to climb in.

Run by volunteers and funded by the Adventure Leadership Program at Laurentian University, the room has holds of all sizes. It has 3 different levels of overhang climbing as well as straight wall climbs. What makes this facility unique is that the climbers go side ways on the wall



Hanging Tough At Laurentian's Bouldering Room

instead of up. This provides a unique challenge for all climbers. The room has three giant stalactites that hang from the roof that allow for some fun wedge climbing. The specially designed floor helps to provide protection from falls and a giant mat is a great resting place after a good workout.

The room is looking great for

the New Year and is hoping for more people to come out and use it. A Glow in the Dark Climbing session is offered every Tuesday night from 7:00 - 10:00pm starting January 11, 2000. So come out and climb with us.

If you need more information please email climb@nickel.laurentian.ca

This Week In Voyageur Sports

by Mat Thompson
Editor-In-Chief

Women's Basketball

On Friday, January 21st the Laurentian Lady Vees improved their record to 8-1 with an 83-52 victory over the McGill Marlets. At half time the Lady Vees had already jumped to an amazing 47-30 lead which helped them cruise as McGill attempted to recover. The player of the game was Stephanie Harrison who scored 22 points and had seven rebounds helping her team along to the victory.

The very next night the Lady Vees jumped to a record of 9-1 as they left the Concordia Stingers in their dust with a 72-62 victory. The leading scorer was once again Stephanie Harrison with 27 points and 8 rebounds. Other strong performances for the Lady Vees came from Karen Vos who had 10 rebounds and 5 assists and also Shauna Conway who had 12 points and 3 steals.

Leading into this past weekend, The Queens Golden Gaels entered as the division leaders, but now after extending their losing streak to three games, they sit in third place behind the Toronto Varsity Blues and our own Laurentian Voyageurs. This weekend the Varsity Blues will travel here to Sudbury to battle the Lady Vees for the bragging rights to first place.

Men's Basketball

Back on track, the Laurentian Voyageurs Men's Basketball team picked up a big win on Friday night over the McGill Redmen. The 83-71 Laurentian win improves the men's record to 6-3. The player of the game was Ted Dongelmans with 23 points, 7 rebounds and 2 blocks. Second year player Chris Caruso stood out with scoring 17 points and getting 7 steals. The men went on to beat Concordia the very next night by a score of 98-87.

Men's Hockey

For their third game in a row Laurentian's Hockey Vees have left their opponents tending to their wounds on the ice. On Saturday, January 22 the Vees dropped Queen's by a score of 4-3 on the road. Mike Menard, Martin Robert and Chad Woodrow scored for the Vees along with Chad Grandy who put in the winner. Geoff Morris played a strong game picking up 2 assists while goaltender Jarrett Rose made 35 saves to become the player of the game.

Riding their winning streak, the Laurentian Voyageurs took out RMC by a score of 6-1 on Sunday. Mike Watson picked up the win in goal with 32 saves. Spencer Verdiel, Steve Gallo, Dylan Seca, Rob Jones, Blair Sherrit and Martin Robert scored for the Vees.

The next game for the Vees will be at home this Saturday as they take on U of T, then they will go on to play Guelph on Sunday. Both games will be at the Sudbury Arena.

Athletes of the Week



Male of the Week - Ted Dongelmans

This weeks Male Athlete of the Week, originally from Orillia, Ontario, Ted Dongelmans made an amazing impact this weekend to help end Laurentian's losing streak. In the 83-71 win over McGill Ted had 23 points, 7 rebounds and 2 blocks and had 26 points, 15 rebounds, 9 assists and 7 steals in the 98-87 win over Concordia. With this great of a showing, Ted truly deserves this honor.

Female Athlete of the Week - Stephanie Harrison

A veteran basketball player from St. Catherines, Ontario, Stephanie Harrison is this week's Female Athlete of the Week. Stephanie helped demolish McGill with 22 points and 7 rebounds in the Lady Vees' 83-52 win and added 27 points and 8 rebounds in the 72-62 victory over Concordia. Stephanie is a fourth year economics student and has helped lead the Lady Vees in their 9-1 season so far.

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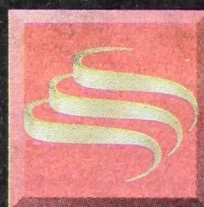
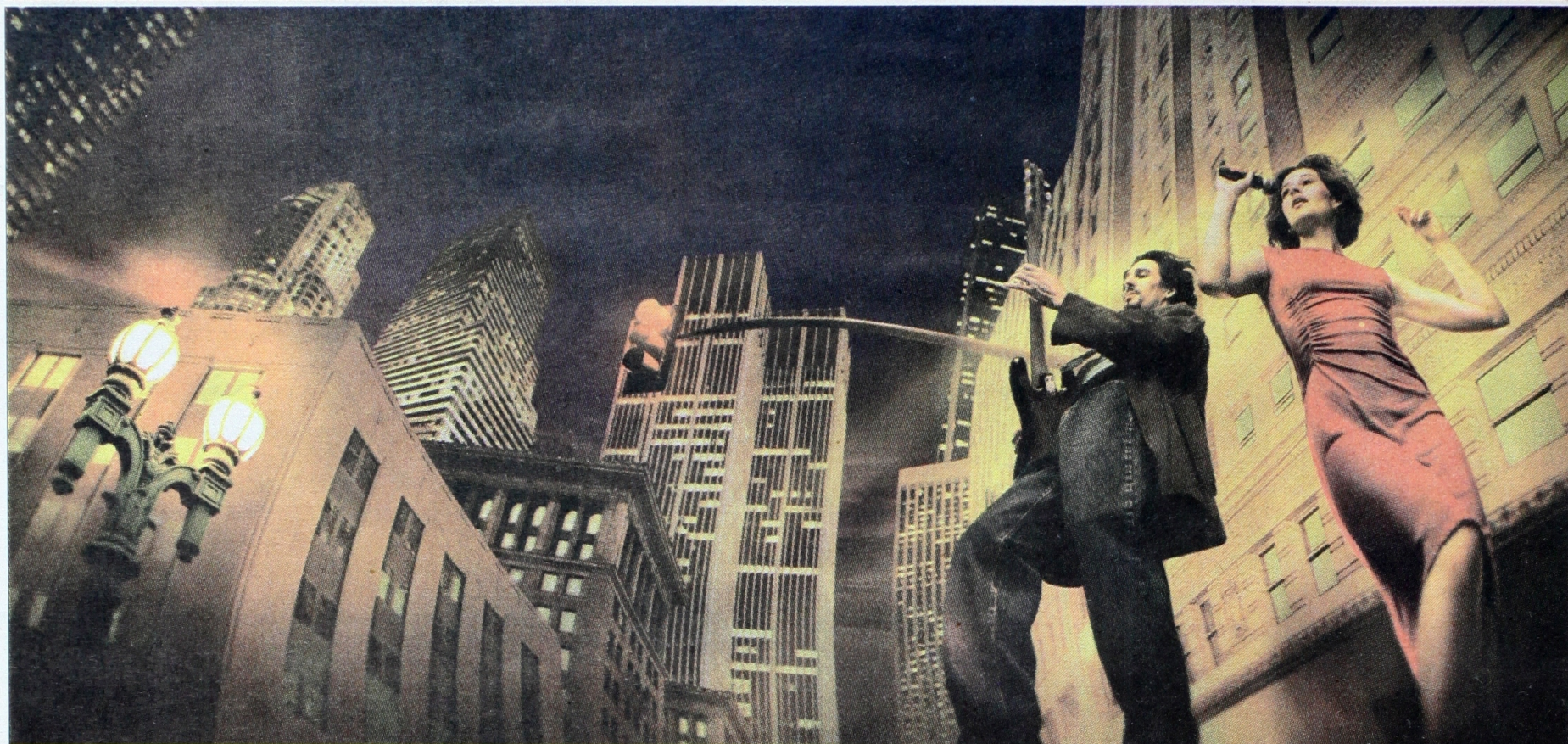
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